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New Christmas Tree Growers Meeting

(Sponsored by Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association)

Moose Apple Christmas Tree Farm

2425 Wickliffe Road
Berryville, VA 22611

Saturday, May 16, 2020 – 8:45 am to 1:00 pm

Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center, and Paris Rasnic, owner of Moose Apple Christmas Tree Farm, will discuss getting started with Christmas tree production, including seedling selection, planting techniques, farm layout, and shearing. We will also discuss applying pesticides and herbicides safely. This is a hands-on workshop with indoor and outdoor sessions, wear appropriate footwear and bring work gloves. Lunch will be provided at the end of the meeting. **There is a \$10.00 registration fee for this program. Please pre-register by May 8.**

To REGISTER submit \$10.00 payment to the VCE – Frederick Office (107 N Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601) and provide your contact information with check made payable to 'Treasurer of Virginia Tech'.

1. Name: _____
2. Phone Number: _____
3. Email Address: _____
4. Dietary restrictions: _____

Agenda is on the back of this flier.

For more information about the program contact Mark Sutphin, Extension Agent, Horticulture at 540.665.5699 or mark.sutphin@vt.edu



There will be a charge of \$50.00 for all returned checks. No refunds will be processed unless we are notified prior to May 8, 2020.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Mark Sutphin, Frederick County Extension, at (540) 665-5699/TDD (800) 828-1120 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations five days prior to the event.

Agenda

8:45 am to 9:00 am: Sign-in and Registration

9:00 am to 10:00 am: Introduction to Growing Christmas Trees - Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center

10:00 am to 10:15 am: Spotted Lanternfly Update – Mark Sutphin, Extension Agent, VCE – Frederick County

10:15 am to 10:30 am: Break

10:30 am to 11:00 am: Seedling discussion and hands on planting demonstration - Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center

11:00 am to 11:15 am: Pesticide Safety – Beth Sastre, Extension Commercial Horticulturalist VCE – Loudoun County

11:15 am to 11:30 am: Vegetation control discussion - Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center

11:30 am to 11:45 am: Backpack Calibration - Tim Ohlwiler, Extension Agent, VCE – Fauquier County

11:45 am to 12:30 pm: Farm layout, Shearing, Experiences, and Discussion - Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center and Paris Rasnic, Owner – Moose Apple Christmas Tree Farm

12:30 pm: Lunch and Wrap-up