

New Christmas Tree Growers Meeting

Valley Star Farm

1104 Springfield Road
Luray, VA 22835
Owner: Dave Thomas

Saturday, September 11, 2021 – 8:45 am to 1:00 pm

Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center, and Dave Thomas, owner of Valley Star 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 \$15.00 registration fee for this program. Please pre-register by September 7.

To REGISTER submit \$15.00 payment to the Reynolds Homestead Forestry Research Center 407 Homestead Lane Critz VA 24082 and provide your contact information with a 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 Kyle Peer at the Reynolds Homestead FRRC
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There will be a charge of \$50.00 for all returned checks.
No refunds will be processed unless we are notified prior to September 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.

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 – Kyle Peer, Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center

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 –**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 - Ashley Appling, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, Culpeper County

11:45 am to 12:30 pm: Farm layout, Shearing, Experiences, and Discussion - Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center and Dave Thomas, Owner, Valley Star Farm

12:30 pm: Lunch and Wrap-up