

# New Christmas Tree Growers Meeting

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## MEETING LOCATION

**Caritas Tree Farm**  
309 George Waltons Road  
Mt Solon, VA 22843  
Grower: Tim Grove

**Saturday, September 14, 2024 – 8:45 am - 12:30pm**

Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center, and Tim Grove, grower of Caritas Tree Farm, will discuss getting started with Christmas tree production. The topics include 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. **Please pre-register by September 9th.**

To **REGISTER** submit \$15 individual/ \$25.00 couple payment to the Reynolds Homestead Forestry Research Center, 407 Homestead Lane, Critz VA 24082 and provide your contact information. **Note: Make check payable to “Treasurer of Virginia Tech”.**

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2. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
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For more information about the program contact Kyle Peer at the Reynolds Homestead FRRC  
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## Agenda

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

**9:00 am to 10:15 am:** Introduction to Growing Christmas Trees - Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center

**10:15 am to 10:30 am:** Break/Snacks provided

**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 – John Benner, Virginia Cooperative Extension Unit Coordinator, Augusta 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 – John Benner, Virginia Cooperative Extension Unit Coordinator, Augusta County

**11:45 am to 12:30 pm:** Farm layout, Shearing, Experiences, and Discussion - Kyle Peer, Superintendent - Reynolds Homestead Forest Resources Research Center and Tim Grove, grower, Caritas Tree Farm

**12:30 pm:** Wrap up