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Join the Festivities on September 8, 2018 64th Annual Maine Woodland Owners/ Maine Tree Farm Forestry Field Day Black Acres Tree Farm, Wilton

The annual [Maine Tree Farm](#) and [Maine Woodland Owners](#) Forestry Field Day is shaping up to be a fun and action filled day! The event will be based at Black Acres Farm, on the Black

Road in Wilton. Russell Black and his family are the 2018 Maine Outstanding Tree Farmers, and are among four Regional winners, making them finalists for the American Tree Farm System's National Outstanding Tree Farmer! They are long-time active members of the Maine Woodland Owners, and many other local conservation groups as well.

Field Day activities will include a drone display by the University of Maine; information about invasive species (both plant and insect), and a variety of woods and forestry related vendors. The Foster Technical Center Woodsmen Team will be there to show off their axe-throwing and speed-chopping skills! "Operation Game Thief," in cooperation with the Maine Warden Service, will show the "Wall of Shame," a mobile display of the bad effects of poaching on Maine's fish and wildlife. The Sustainable Forestry Initiatives' ever-popular "flume table" will show Best Management Practices in a "hands-on" interactive way. Kennebec Lumber Company in Solon will show the best way to "buck" a log.

The tours of the Black Acres Tree Farm will offer walking and wagon-riding options. Items to see include an extensive sugar bush operation, with a new, state-of-the-art wood-fired evaporator; silvicultural practices such as a crop tree release project, and a recently installed bridge over a tributary stream to Pease Pond. Equipment demonstrations are anticipated, including a portable sawmill and a skid-steer mounted mulching head and stump-drilling rig. The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) and Northern Exposure Kennels will show their trained Shorthair Pointers.

The Franklin County Fiddlers Band from Farmington will be on hand to entertain folks. Coffee and snacks will be available, and a tasty lunch (burgers, hot dogs, or BBQ!) will be provided by Grant Lee, of Farmington, for \$10.00 – cash only, please.



Look for more announcements with further details later this summer. And, keep an eye on the [Maine Woodland Owners](#) and [Maine Tree Farm](#) websites. Hope to see you there!

Welcome to Our New Coordinator!

The Maine Tree Farm Committee would like to announce Logan Johnson as the Programs next coordinator. Logan hails from Calais and considers the Downeast forests his home.

He graduated from the University of Maine in the spring of 2017 with a BS in biology and minor in anthropology. He spent two summers as an environmental co-op with Woodland Pulp LLC in Baileyville and two summers as a conservation intern with Downeast Lakes Land Trust in Grand Lake Stream. Logan has spent the last year as an AmeriCorps service member with Buzzards Bay Coalition in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Logan held the position of Land Stewardship Coordinator in which he was responsible for coordinating volunteers, monitoring private and fee owned conservation land, and trail construction and general reserve maintenance. In conjunction with his coordinator duties, Logan will be returning to the University of Maine this Fall to pursue a Masters of Forestry degree.



"I would like to thank the Maine Tree Farm Committee for the opportunity and I am excited to fulfill the duties of the coordinator position," Logan said. He continued, "The beauty of Maine Forests is not just luck it is something that we have because of the hard work and dedication of the natural resource professionals and land owners, both large and small, who steward their forests in a way that is sustainable and promotes overall forest health above all else." Please join the Maine Tree Farm Committee in welcoming Logan to the program.

NO Forests of Recognized Importance (FORI) Currently Exist in Maine

"After careful consideration and research, the Maine Tree Farm Committee has determined that **NO Forests of Recognized Importance (FORI) Currently Exist in the State of Maine.**" This statement should clarify misunderstandings about FORI and remove the uncertainty surrounding the subjective nature of the term's definition. The Committee has adopted this statement as of August 1, 2018.

ATFS Performance Measure 5.4: A Forest of Recognized Importance (FORI) represents a globally, regionally and nationally significant large landscape area of exceptional ecological, social, cultural or biological value. These forests are evaluated at the landscape level, rather than the stand level and are recognized for a combination of unique values, rather than a single attribute.

Things that might qualify as FORI: Yellowstone National Park, the Everglades, or the watershed that supplies drinking water for a major metropolitan area, such as New York City.

Things that are not FORI (in Maine): Canada Lynx habitat, deer wintering areas, fens and bog ecosystems, the watershed that supplies drinking water for the City of Portland.

The MTFC has reviewed the qualifications for FORI and potential locations in Maine, and we have determined that currently there are none here. Please be aware, this could change, as National Tree Farm Standards and definitions are updated. If you have any questions or concerns about addressing FORI, please contact the Committee Chair at chair@mainetreefarm.org.

We encourage all Tree Farmers, Inspectors and management plan authors to be aware of FORI and the way we are addressing it in Maine. We recommend incorporating this statement in all new forest management plans, and as an amendment or addendum to all existing management plans.

**64th Annual Maine Woodland Owners &
Tree Farm Forestry Field Day Program**

***Black Acres Tree Farm, Wilton, Maine
Saturday, September 8, 2018***

8:30 a.m. – ongoing **Welcome Tent Open; coffee and snacks**

8:50 a.m. **Opening Remarks & Welcome**

9:00 – Education Stations & Information Booths & Displays:

Flume Table-Fun, interactive demonstration of erosion control– Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

Spruce Budworm & Invasive Insect Awareness – MFS Division of Forest Health and Monitoring.

Invasive Plant Awareness and Control – Maine Natural Areas Program, with field walk

“Operation Game Thief” -in cooperation with the Maine Warden Service, will show the “Wall of Shame,” a mobile display showing poaching of Maine’s fish and wildlife.

Ticks and what to do about them- Maine Center for Disease Control

USDA forestry assistance programs- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farmington field office

Woodsmen’s team activities- Foster Technical Center, Farmington

Shorthair Pointers dog training demonstrations- North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) and Northern Exposure Kennels

*Other table displays -*SAPPI North America; American Forest Management; American Forest Foundation; Maine Chestnut Foundation;

Vendor displays: Kramer’s Tractors; CDL maple sugaring equipment; OESCO; Northeast Stihl; others to be determined.

Tours of the Tree Farm:

Guided Forest Walking Tour –Wood Miser portable sawmill demo; Trees Ltd active tree felling, stump and brush mulching; Kennebec Lumber log-bucking demo; CDL sugarbush operation

Guided Wagon Tour – University of Maine drone demonstration; New bridge installation over Pease Pond inlet stream

11:45 a.m. – Lunch provided by Grant Lee’s, of Farmington (***cash only***)

Music by the **Franklin County Fiddlers**

-----*Door prizes given out throughout the lunch program*-----

12:15 p.m. – Lunch Speaker Program, including remarks from:

Kyle Burdick, Chair of the Maine Tree Farm Committee

Jessica Leahy, President, Maine Woodland Owners

Governor Paul R. LePage (invited)

Commissioner Walt Whitcomb, Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry (invited)

Doug Denico, Director of the Maine Forest Service (invited)

Legislative sentiment--Senator Tom Saviello (invited)

Tom Martin, President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation (invited)

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.– Continued activities (see above.)

**Program is subject to change, as Maine Woodland Owners & Maine Tree Farm confirm additional vendors and/or demos.
Please check for the [Maine Woodland Owners](#) and [Maine Tree Farm](#) websites latest information.*

How to Get Here From There 😊

(Coming from north/east) From Farmington – Take US-2W to Munson Rd in Wilton. Turn left on Munson Rd. Drive to Black Rd. Follow signs to Field Day

(Coming from west) From Bethel – Take US-2 E to Munson Rd in Wilton. Turn right on Munson Rd. Drive to Black Rd. Follow signs to Field Day

(Coming from south) From Auburn - Take ME-4 N to US-2. Take US-2 E to Munson Rd. in Wilton. Turn right on Munson Rd. Drive to Black Rd. Follow signs to Field Day

Dear Maine Tree Farmer:

On behalf of the entire Maine Tree Farm program, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to those of you who have contributed to our fundraising efforts. Your financial support will help us maintain our successful program in 2018, by continuing to serve Tree Farmers in the state of Maine.

Your donation will help the Maine Tree Farm program continue to carry out the annual internal monitoring efforts that hold Tree Farmers accountable to internationally recognized certification standards of forest management sustainability. Our work was validated last year with a successful completion of a third-party certification assessment process, which resulted in recommendation of renewal of our certificate.

As a program that is run mostly by volunteers, we are proud of this accomplishment and are proud to continue to provide a free forest certification option to landowners in Maine. Your generous support combined with our efforts will go a long way toward the goal of building a strong and vibrant Tree Farm program in Maine.

As you know, Tree Farmers are individual landowners who have made the commitment to manage their woodlots responsibly with an eye toward the production of wood fiber, as well as protection of the integrity of water resources, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. Your donation will help us continue to support the efforts of these individuals and promote responsible stewardship of Maine's working forests.

Sincerely,



Kyle Burdick
Maine Tree Farm Committee Chair



Monarch Butterfly - Pam Wells

The Committee would also like to send its sincerest gratitude to Jim Norris, who has acted as co-coordinator for the program since March. Jim was brought on to assist with the coordination of the Annual Forestry Field Day and other on the ground matters while Logan concluded his position in Massachusetts. Jim will remain involved through the Forestry Field Day.



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*The American Tree Farm System is a program of the
American Forest Foundation*

Upcoming Events and Call For Volunteers!

Maine Farm Days—August 22-23, Clinton

TREE FARM/MAINE WOODLAND OWNERS FORESTRY FIELD DAY - September 8, Wilton

Common Ground Country Fair - September 21-23, Unity

Fryeburg Fair - September 30 - October 7, Fryeburg

Agricultural Trades Show—January 14-17, 2019

We need volunteers to help staff our educational display booth at these events. We hope you will consider donating a few hours of your time to talk with potential Tree Farmers and the general public and share your experiences with the program. *As a Thank You, all volunteers will get a free Maine Tree Farm t-shirt or coffee mug!*

For more upcoming woodland events, check out the calendars at these locations:

[Maine Forest Service](#)

[Maine Woodland Owners](#)

[Hidden Valley Nature Center](#)