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2016 Annual SWOAM/Tree Farm Forestry Field Day September 10, 2016 at Pine Tree Camp in Rome, ME

2016 Field Day Program

Location: Pine Tree Camp, Rome, ME

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:30 a.m. – ongoing **Registration**

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

Exhibitors' tent, education stations, self-guided tours, music from the Sandy River Ramblers, children's activities, and refreshments all day.

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Education Stations

Flume Table – Stream crossing techniques for forest management activities – Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

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

Controlling Invasive Plants – Maine Natural Areas Program.

Local Wood Initiative- connecting wood product consumers and producers

Booth displays – songbird and other wildlife habitat, water quality and lake health, landowner relations.

Guided Forest Walking Tour – Showcases the recreational mission of Pine Tree Camp. Highlights include accessible trails and overnight camping area, renovation of camper cabins, management of older forests, and accessible tree house.

Guided Forest Motorized Tour – Demonstrates in-depth aspects of forest management. Highlights recent timber harvests; management of a deer wintering area; Best Management Practices for water quality, including stream crossing techniques; converting harvesting trails to recreational trails; and the importance of aesthetics to the Camp's mission.

11:45 a.m. – Lunch (chicken BBQ, with cole slaw, potato salad, dinner roll, drink and dessert; \$10 per person, \$5 for age 12 and under; proceeds support Pine Tree Camp. **Cash only.**)

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

Tom Martin, President & CEO of the American Forest Foundation

Doug Denico, Director of the Maine Forest Service

Paul Larrivee; Chair of the Maine Tree Farm Program

Richard Nass, President of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine

Awards/raffle/ door prizes

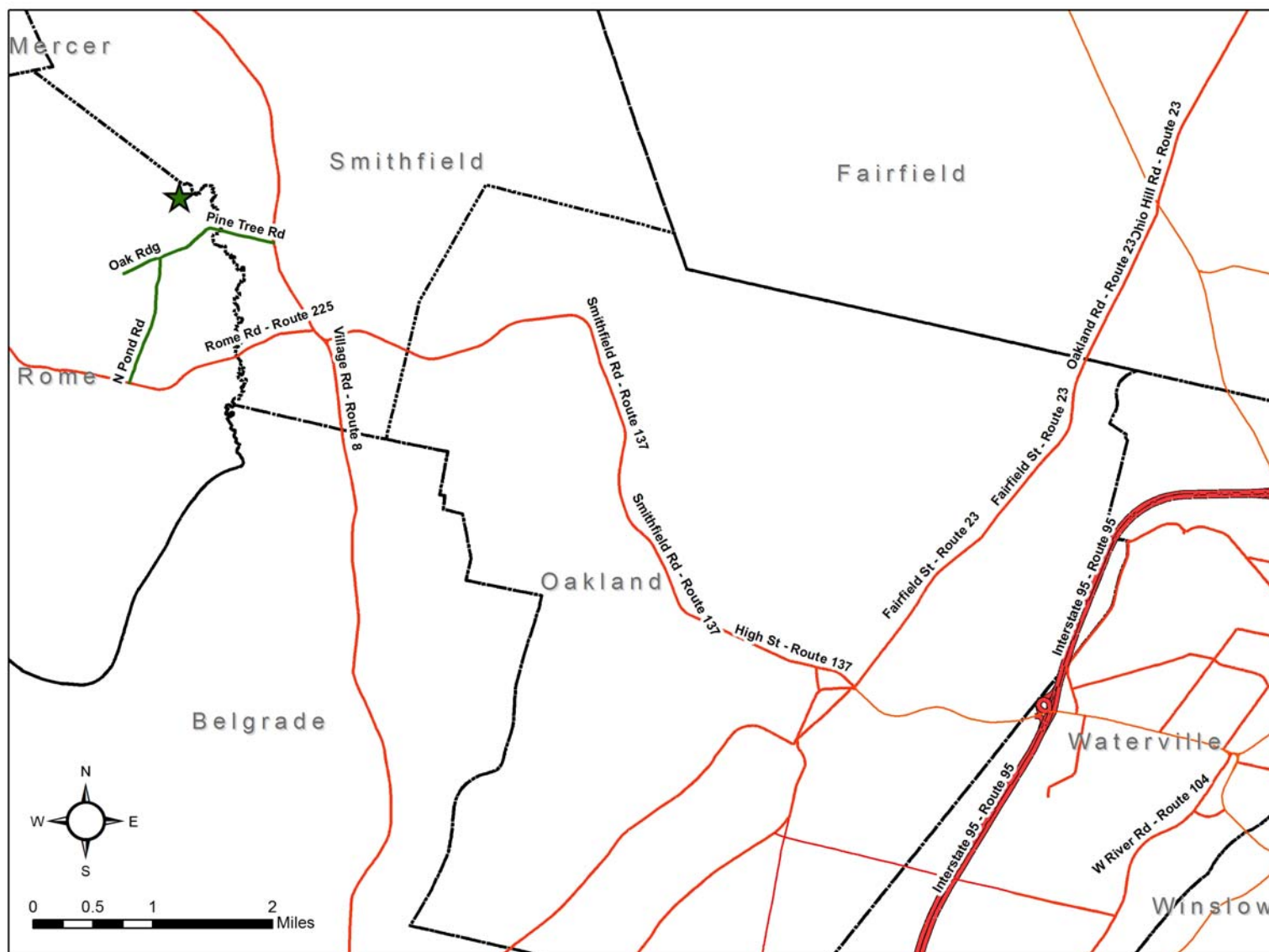
1:15 p.m. – Repeat of Guided Forest Tours (see above.)

**Program is subject to change, as SWOAM & Maine Tree Farm organizers are able to confirm and add more education stations, walks, and/or demos.*

***Reminder:** Switching to an electronic version will help us save on printing and postage costs, and stretch our limited budget even further. You can access the online version and subscribe today at: www.maintreefarm.org/newsletter.html*



Above: Pine Tree Camp staff and Tree Farm Committee members review one of the potential tour stops.



Directions to Pine Tree Camp

From the North, take Interstate 95 South to Exit 127 for ME-137 West/Kennedy Memorial Drive. Take a right off the exit ramp and follow ME-137 West for approximately 10 miles. Directions continue below.

From the South, take Interstate 95 North to Exit 127 for ME-137 West/Kennedy Memorial Drive. Turn left off the exit ramp to stay on ME-137 West and follow it for approximately 10 miles. Directions continue below.

Directions continued: Be aware that ME-137 West takes a fairly sharp right turn where it intersects with ME-8, so be careful to stay on ME-137 West. Pine Tree Road will be on the left just after some farm fields on either side of the road, and a storage facility on the right. Turn left onto Pine Tree Road and follow it for about three-quarters of a mile. Pine Tree Camp will be on the right.

Tree Farm Inspection Deadline Fast Approaching!

Each year, the American Tree Farm System assigns a list of randomly selected Tree Farms to the Maine Tree Farm Committee. The Committee is then required to inspect all Tree Farms on that list during the given year in order to maintain funding and certification status. This year, the Maine Tree Farm Committee received a list of 62 Tree Farms across Maine to inspect to ensure conformance with the current [ATFS Standards](#). Thus far, 27 Required Inspections have been completed, with the remaining 35 due September 30th! Inspectors have also been hard at work performing Optional Inspections. If you'd like an Inspection of your Tree Farm, please contact your [County Chair](#).

Oops! Correction:

In the last issue on page three we had a picture of a salamander that we incorrectly labeled as a Blue Spotted Salamander. Here's the picture again, of a **Yellow** Spotted Salamander.



SWOAM Raffle Open until September 14!

The Maine Tree Farm Committee would like you to know: There's still time to participate in the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM)'s popular annual raffle. Tickets are included in this newsletter. Among the great prizes are: Stihl chainsaw; \$100 L.L. Bean gift card; \$50 Hussey's General Store gift card; State of Maine slate clock; Maine Atlas and Gazetteer; Barnet Z Tiger Tooth Saw; Revolt 4000 Battery Pack/Knife Combo, and more. You don't have to be a SWOAM member to participate -- although you might want to consider joining! Tree Farm and SWOAM go together like woodlots and wildlife.

Entering is easy. Just fill out any number of tickets with your name and phone number and return them to SWOAM. Please include \$1 for single tickets or \$5 for six. Fill out contact information and then send the tickets, with payment in the form of a check to **SWOAM**, PO Box 836, Augusta, ME 04332. Or, bring them to the **Annual Tree Farm/SWOAM Field Day at Pine Tree Camp in Rome, ME on September 10th!**

The raffle helps support vital programs and this year, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Pine Tree Camp, and all items in the raffle have been generously donated. Tickets will be accepted by SWOAM until September 14 until noon. Good luck!

Campers Get Outstanding Experience at Maine's 2016 Outstanding Tree Farm!

Every summer, more than 650 Maine children and adults with disabilities arrive at Pine Tree Camp in Rome and their lives are transformed. Driving down the camp road, campers enter a world that is barrier-free, leaving behind the confines of their disability thanks to the Camp's 285-acre, fully accessible campus. Campers participate in all the activities for which Maine is famous -- kayaking, boating, fishing and hiking -- experiencing freedom and independence.

Campers also experience a Tree Farm like no other in Maine, complete with a fully accessible tree house. Linda Townsend of Westbrook is one of the adult campers who looks forward to being in the tree house the most. Her yard in Westbrook doesn't provide much in the way of trees and, each summer when she gets to Pine Tree Camp, the woods are the first place she wants to be. "I grew up in the woods and I enjoy it. It makes me feel relaxed and serene."

"We recognize that our beautiful, barrier-free campus is an incredible asset to our organization and we work hard to ensure that we are managing it properly," said Noel Sullivan, president and CEO of Pine Tree Society. Right from when they first purchased the land 75 years ago, they have worked with educated and experienced professional foresters every step of the way. "When you drive in on the road, there are stately pines on either side. That's by design," said facilities manager Harvey Chesley. "At the very start, the foresters we worked with had the idea to work with our name and make pine trees the centerpiece of our property."

John Starrett, Forester for Sappi North America noted that "Not many landowners own 200 plus acres continuously for 75 years. This is a unique piece of Maine forest that spans generations and has the potential to keep doing so long into the future."

Paul Jacques, former Deputy Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, is Pine Tree Society's board president. "Owning and managing land in Maine is a heck of a responsibility, and Pine Tree Camp has done it right. Just 20 feet away from any of the Camp's buildings you are in the woods. The uninterrupted forest envelops and surrounds you. And when you canoe by on North Pond with your family, it looks like something right off a postcard."

Experience Pine Tree Camp for yourself on Saturday, September 10 at Maine Tree Farm/SWOAM Forestry Field Day.

Upcoming Events

August 24 & 25, 2016: **Maine Farm Days** - Misty Meadows Farm, Clinton, ME. *Activities and information for both farmers and non-farmers, including: equipment dealers, wagon tours, craft tent, kid's activities, educational speakers & presentations.* For more information, visit http://kcswcd.org/?page_id=176

September 23-25, 2016: **Common Ground Country Fair** - Unity, ME. *A celebration of the rural and agricultural traditions of Maine.* For more information, visit <http://www.mofga.org/thefair>

October 14, 2016: **Communication: Key to Meeting Your Objectives in Your Management Plan** - 10am - 3pm at the Maine Youth Fish & Game Association Camp and the Wells Demonstration Forest, Milford, ME. *For many small woodland owners, the beauty of their woods is an important factor in their overall enjoyment. Keeping your woods healthy and productive may require management activities that, to the untrained eye, may appear to be unattractive. The key to achieving what you would like is communication.* For more information on this event, view a longer version of this newsletter online at <http://mainetreefarm.org/newsletter.html>

Welcome, New Tree Farmers!

Congratulations to new Tree Farmers Carolyn Drugge and Francis Fuller. Carolyn and Francis purchased their 14 acre woodlot in Chesterville in 2009 and have been thoroughly engaged in managing the property ever since. They work with Steve Gettle, a private, licensed forester and Tree Farm Inspector, who prepared a forest management plan for the parcel. This plan not only helped them become certified Tree Farmers, it also helped them become eligible for further financial assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). They have since been approved for practices including wildlife brush piles, thinning a young softwood stand, "mast tree" release and riparian buffer improvement. Like many other woodland owners, they are also battling against invasive plants. Part of their woodlot is an overgrown Christmas tree plantation that has taken up much of their time as they work to improve it for future timber products. Overall their objectives are wildlife, recreation and aesthetics.

- Patty Cormier, Somerset County Chair



We want to hear from you! Have questions about the management of your woodlot or a story about your Tree Farm that you would like to share? Submit stories, photos, and questions to info@mainetreefarm.org or 207.613.MTFP (6837)

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