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Additional Educational Opportunity
Christmas Tree Twilight Meeting
will be held on July 12, 2011
Evergreen Acres Tree Farm
Auburn, PA
Stay tuned for more information!

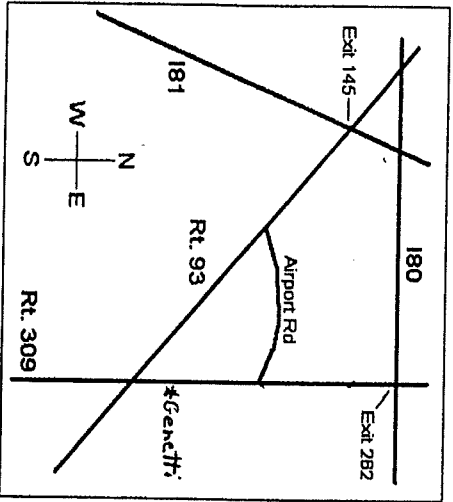


PURPOSE

The Christmas tree industry, like all industries, is in a state of constant change. A few years back it was the West Coast tree, and then it was the glut in the early 90's. Since the 60's we have had to deal with the artificial tree and now in the new millennium, there are major changes in what chemicals we can and can not use and problems with encroaching development.

The purpose of this and future meetings is to educate new and established growers on the most up-to-date cultural and marketing practices available. The end result will be quality trees produced in a cost effective manner.

Directions to: The Genetti Lodge and Conference Center, Hazleton, PA (Phone: 570-454-2494)



From the North or the South: Rt. 181, get off at the W. Hazleton Exit #145, go South on Rt. 93 to the 2nd traffic light, turn left onto Airport Road until it reaches Route 309 (Approx. 2 1/2 miles). Turn right onto Rt. 309 South. Travel approximately 1/4 mi. Best Western Genetti Lodge is on your left.

From East or West: Rt. 180, get off at the Hazleton/ Mountaintop Exit #262, Go South on Rt. 309 towards Hazleton. Travel approx. 5 1/2 miles. Best Western Genetti Lodge is on your left.

N.E. Regional Christmas Tree Growers Meeting March 5, 2011

PROGRAM

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Registration/Trade Show

9:00 a.m. - How to Improve Fertilizer Efficiencies in Your Plantation

Dr. Thom McEvoy

10:00 a.m. - Personal Protective Equipment (1 core credit)

James Harvey and Andy Beck

10:30 a.m. - Zimmernan Pine Moth and Fir Cone Worm Management (2 category credits)

Sarah Pickel

11:30 a.m. - Lunch and Trade Show

1:00 p.m. - A Fantastic New Development, Making and Using Biochar in the Plantation

Dr. Thom McEvoy

2:00 p.m. - How to Handle, Manage, and Prevent Bad Debts

James Ferrier

3:00 p.m. - A Checklist for Worker Protection Standards: Do You Comply?

(1 core credit)

James Harvey

3:30 p.m. - Adjourn

Note: Attendance at this meeting qualifies licensed pesticide applicators to receive credits towards recertification. Update training credits will be assigned by P.D.A. Changes in the meeting agenda may result in adjustments in the assigned credits.

N.E. REGIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE GROWERS MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Advance registration - \$34 per person must be postmarked by **February 21, 2011**.
Late registration (after February 21) is \$44 per person

Number of People _____ @ \$34
Number of People _____ @ \$44
Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

County _____ Phone _____

The registration fee includes morning coffee break/Danish, lunch, reference materials and Trade Show.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis for the first 200 people who pre-register. Your registration will not be followed-up with a confirmation. If you do not hear from us, consider yourself registered.

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