



Ohio Chapter News

Walnut Council

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Ohio Chapter, Walnut Council Spring Field Day and Business Meeting

April 27, 2019

Caldwell, Ohio (Noble County)

The Ohio Chapter of Walnut Council announces our spring field day and business meeting **Saturday, April 27th** in Caldwell, Ohio (Southeastern Ohio – Noble County). Our hosts in the morning session will be the **Noble County Historical Society** at the **Ball-Caldwell Homestead** transitioning after lunch to **Spring Hill Woodlands, LLC**.

This is an opportunity to learn and discuss hardwood planting spacings, pruning techniques and thinning options of black walnut at two sites. Depending on the weather and road conditions, the focus may need to shift more following lunch to the management of upland oak species and view several acres of recently completed timber stand improvement versus navigating a little-used township road to the primary walnut planting site at Spring Hill Woodlands, LLC.

The **Ball-Caldwell House**, built in 1832, will be open for viewing during our morning session for those attendees not wanting to view the tree planting or participate in the chapter meeting. Also, for those interested in a little shopping trip, **“The Rustic Touch”** is a home décor shop just a short drive away. The host family, Bob and Lenore Ball, welcome guests not participating in the afternoon session to relax at their home on the farm. Those attendees will be dropped off at the farm house in route to the tour site.

The registration fee for Walnut Council members is \$10 while the non-member fee is \$15. Join Walnut Council at this event and there will be NO fee. Save \$15! The registration fee includes coffee, juice, doughnuts, box lunch, soft drink and water.

Note: Access to the primary planting sites following lunch is dependent on good weather and a maintained township road. There will be NO field transportation for anyone unable to walk to the sites. Even if road conditions to the primary site in the afternoon are good, access is limited to trucks only! If you are not driving a truck, we will make every effort to ride share from the morning meeting location then bring you back to your vehicle where you can depart.

Please **RSVP by Monday, April 22nd**. Either **e-mail Bob Ball** at: bob_ballosu@hotmail.com or call his cell at **(573) 268-7262** to attend. Your registration can be paid by personal check payable to **“Walnut Council”** or by cash beginning at 9:00 a.m. that Saturday morning. Note: **Walnut Council** is a 501 C (3) nonprofit organization. A registration form is included below.

Weather Policy: In the event of rain or flooding, the entire event may need to be held in the barn at the historic site relying on informal conversations about woodland management. ***Please bring chairs for the session in the barn!***

Overview of Field Tour Sites:

Morning: (Restrooms available!)

- Noble County Historical Society tree planting was completed April 5, 2010
- 600 black walnuts, 500 pin oaks, 800 swamp white oaks and 100 red oak
- Goal: food and cover for wildlife and aesthetics for the property
- View natural, maturing walnut near the historic home
- Discuss our observations and examine emergency pruning efforts for planting.

Afternoon: (dry weather & good road conditions) (Primary Site) (No restrooms!)

- View multiple planting sites of black walnut and swamp white oak
- View a natural regeneration black walnut pole stand (6” – 14” dbh)
- View pruning and thinning of various size trees
- Discuss recommendations for these plantings.

Afternoon: (in case of wet weather & poor roads) (Alternate Site) (Restrooms!)

- View equipment and tools for managing timber
- View walnut tree pruning and the use of tree shelters; annual tree growth rates
- View recently completed Timber Stand Improvement on upland hardwoods
 - Discuss control of woody invasive species
 - Forest Service Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) study using Verticillium wilt
- View a “deer camp” and discuss leasing lands for fee hunting
- Walk through a managed oak stand harvested four times: 1945, 1989, 2005, 2015

Note: All tour sites are walking tours that require appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes and/or boots. There are steep slopes and ground hazards to include: brambles, vines, barbed wire fencing, woody debris, cut stumps, rocks and a stream crossing.

Ohio Walnut Council - Spring Event AGENDA

Saturday, April 27th:

- 9:00 Coffee, Juice and Doughnuts - (Meet in the barn at the Ball-Caldwell Homestead)
- 9:30 Ohio Chapter Business Meeting – Bill Hammitt, Chapter President
- 10:00 Orientation to the Ball-Caldwell Homestead & Tree Planting – Bob Ball
- 10:20 Begin Walking Tour of Historic Society property
- Maturing black walnuts
 - View and discuss pruning, corrective pruning and coppicing
 - Discuss management recommendations to the Historic Society
- 11:45 **BREAK**
- 12:00 Box Lunches and Drinks
- 12:40 Travel to ***Spring Hill Woodlands, LLC*** – Bob & Lenore Ball
- The field trip location is dependent on weather and road conditions.
 - Those attendees visiting the farm house will be dropped off in route.
- 1:00 Overview of farm and planting history
- 1:15 Begin Walking Tour
- 3:00 **Return to Vehicles:** at the primary site; **Return to the Farm House:** at alternate site.
- 3:15 Discuss Observations and Recommendations
- 3:30 **ADJOURN** – Safe Travels!

Note: Those attendees with a vehicle at the historic site in Caldwell will be transported back to their vehicle. Anyone with spouses or guests who may be visiting at the Spring Hill Woodlands farm house will be provided transportation from the primary field trip location to the farm house as needed. Otherwise, attendees can depart from the primary field trip site using a shorter route to the interstate highway. Verbal directions will be provided to your local departure point as needed.

Travel Directions for Spring Field Day

Saturday Morning

Directions to Ball-Caldwell House & Homestead from Exit #25 on I-77:

Travel East on State Route 78 about ¼ mile to the second traffic light which is the intersection with State Route 821. Turn left and travel ½ mile turning right onto Bridge Street. Go to the second cross street and turn right onto East Street. Proceed a short distance and turn left at the historic sign into a road at the apartment complex. Turn into a paved parking lot 250' ahead. The meeting is in the barn. **Restrooms** are at the parking lot.

Saturday Afternoon

Directions to Spring Hill Woodlands, LLC - Alternate Field Site:

Retrace your drive into Caldwell from I-77 heading out of town. Stay on State Route 821 crossing State Route 78 at the traffic light continuing south past the Days Inn Suites. Travel 0.3 of a mile and turn right onto Hunkadora Road (County Road 40). Proceed south past the Ohio Department of Highway and Transportation garage and then over Interstate 77 about 1.2 miles to Keithtown Road (County Road 7). Turn right. Proceed west ½ of a mile to Ball Hill Road (Township Road 86) and turn right heading up a steep gravel road. Proceed approximately 0.4 of a mile. Turn right into a gravel lane at the base of a steep grade. Look for our house number post at the entrance of the driveway. There is no mailbox. You will see a tan color metal building and house 300' ahead. Address: **16800 Ball Hill Road, Caldwell, OH 43724; Ball Hill Road is also Township Road 86).**

Directions to Spring Hill Woodlands, LLC - Primary Field Site:

If weather and road conditions are suitable (after dropping off those attendees spending the afternoon at the farm house), the group will continue driving up Ball Hill Road to Parrish Ridge Road turning right at the stop sign. Continue driving north on Parrish Ridge Road. (Spring Hill Woodlands, LLC farmland is now on both sides of the road.) You will see a livestock corral on the right. The next structure on the right is a white house then a barn. At the north side of the barn, turn right onto an unmarked township road. Continue driving, carefully, until you reach the designated parking area approximately ½ mile down that road.

Lodging

There are four options for lodging in Caldwell: **Comfort Inn & Suites**, **Best Western**, **Days Inn & Suites**, and **Microtel Inn and Suites**. These venues are located within one mile of Exit 25 on Interstate 77, State Route 78 and State Route 821 at the Caldwell zip code of 43724. Marietta, Ohio is 25 minutes south of Exit #25 and Cambridge, Ohio is 20 minutes north on I-77.

The **Harkin House Inn Bed & Breakfast** is a quality lodging option in a historic home located within the town of Caldwell. All lodging venues are within 5 minutes of the meeting location Saturday morning.

You are encouraged to invite your local timber industry representatives, woodland landowners, and others interested in managing their woodland resources. We welcome guests! You do not need to be a member of Walnut Council to attend this event! Membership forms will be available for those interested in joining.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday, **April 27th** at 9:00 a.m. for coffee at the **Ball-Caldwell Homestead, 16 East Street, Caldwell, Ohio, 43724.**

Sincerely,

Bill Hammitt, President
Ohio Chapter, Walnut Council

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Spring Event

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

Registration Form

<u>Items</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u># Attending</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Beverages & Lunch Saturday, April 27th	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Non-member Fee	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Donation to " <i>Ohio Chapter, Walnut Council</i> "			\$ _____
Donation to the " <i>Noble County Historical Society</i> "			\$ _____
Total Payable to "Walnut Council" =			\$ _____

Note: Join Walnut Council at the meeting and that person pays NO registration!

Names of Registrants:

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Email:

Mail this registration form and your check to arrive by Monday, April 22nd to:

***Bill Hammitt, President
Ohio Chapter, Walnut Council
117 Hidden Cove Ct.
Seneca, SC 29672***

Registration fees will be accepted at the door, provided you RSVP!

Questions?

Send an email to: hammittw@clemson.edu or call: (864) 986-8510