Returning to our Roots
Walnut Council Annual Meeting Agenda
July 24-27, 2022
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

Sunday, July 24
10 am – 11:30 Walnut Council Foundation Board Meeting, Holiday Inn
1 – 4 pm Walnut Council Board Meeting, Holiday Inn
3:30 – 5:30 PM Registration, Holiday Inn lobby
3 – 5:30 Dinner on your own
5:30 – 7:30 Shuttle to SIU Student Center, Registration
6:00 – 6:45 Meet and Greet Dessert Reception, SIU Student Center
6:00 – 8:30 Silent auction and exhibits open
6:45 – 8:00 Evening program
  Opening and Welcome: SIU Forestry- Dr Charles Ruffner
  Keynote topic: International Forestry Efforts at SIUC, Ruffner
  Field trip overview of Touch of Nature Forest, Ruffner
  The First 50 years of Walnut Council, Bob Burke
8 – 8:30 Return to hotel
8:45 – 10:00 Hospitality room

Monday, July 25
7:00 – 7:30 Registration table at Holiday Inn lobby
7:15 – 7:30 Load buses at hotel
8:00 – 12:00 Field Tour: Touch of Nature Environmental Center
  Stop 1 at Stonehouse Burn site
  8:15-9:00- Group 1: Dr Brent Pease, wildlife techniques and acoustic
  monitoring efforts
  9:15-10:00 -Group 2: Dr Mike Baltz, Let the Sun Shine In- oak
  woodland restoration treatments
  Stop 2 at TSI stand along Oikos Road
  10:15- 11:00 Group 3: Dr Charles Ruffner, Saluki Experimental Forest
  management activities
  11:15- 12:00 Group 4: Dr Eric Holzmueller, Timber sale preparation
  with local foresters
9:30 – 2:30 Optional alternate tour (meet Holiday Inn lobby)
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 3:00 Giant City State Park road tour
  Native American Stonefort, Devil's Standtable timber stand
  improvement, & CCC Lodge visit
3:30 – 6:30 Dinner on your own
6:30 – 7:00 Travel to SIU Student Center
6:30 – 8:45 Silent auction and exhibits open
8:30 – 3:40  Expert presentations, SIU Student Center
8:30 – 9  History of Carbondale Forest Service Research Station and walnut research & lessons learned, J Van Sambeek
9 – 9:30  Management of walnut to minimize TCD, Kelsey Tobin
9:15 – 2:00  Optional spouse tour (meet Holiday Inn lobby)
9:30 – 10  Maximizing financial returns through decision modeling and cash flow analysis of black walnut plantations, Erin Shaw
10 – 10:15  Break
10:15 – 10:45  White Oak Initiative, Hank Stelzer
10:45 – 11:15  NRCS updates- TBD
11:15 – 11:45  New digital soil tools for foresters and forest landowners, Hank Stelzer
11:45 – 1:00  Lunch (provided)
1:00 – 2:00  Expert roundtables: Bring your Q & A. Topics include: oak midstory management, off-target herbicide spray drift, enrichment planting after harvest, invasive species control, native food plots, how to qualify for EQIP funding, manual and natural pruning for stem quality, direct seeding or nut handling, deer control, thinning, carbon credits
2 – 2:20  Break
2:20 – 2:50  Pecan nut culture & markets, Ralph Voss
2:50 – 3:35  Forest health: Oak declines & weather impacts, Fredric Miller
3:40 – 4:00  Return to hotel
5:30 – 6:00  Travel to SIU student center
6:00 – 6:30  Reception (cash bar), silent auction and exhibits open
6:30  Silent auction ends
6:30 – 8:30  Banquet
8:30 – 10:00  Hospitality room

Wednesday, July 27
8:00 – 8:45  Breakfast (provided), SIU Student center
8:30 – 10:30  Expert Presentations
8:30 – 9  Forest health: Walnut issues & emerging concerns, Fredric Miller
9 – 9:30  How fescue impacts black walnut growth, Jerry Van Sambeek
9:30 – 10:00  Performance of the R.S. Brundage Missouri clone and seedling trial, Jim McKenna
10:00 – 10:30  Invasive species control and management, Chris Evans
10:30 – 11 Walnut Council business meeting
11 – 12:00 PM State chapter reports, door prizes, & closing remarks
1:30 – 3:00 Optional afternoon field tour- Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge

Agenda subject to change, for the latest updates see https://walnutcouncil.org/events/annual-meeting/

The meeting will be located at the SIU Student Center, 1255 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale, IL unless noted otherwise. Map link

Hotel Information
Deadline for Room Reservations at group discount rate is June 30th.
A hotel block is at the Holiday Inn Carbondale (changing to a Holiday Inn Express this summer), 2300 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, IL 62901. Map link
For reservations call 618-549-2600 or book online at the special “NWC” group rate of $96 + tax per night.