

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
4:30 – 5:30 PM Registration, Holiday Inn (optional, or at evening program)
3 – 5:30 Dinner on your own
5:30 – 7:00 Bus shuttle from Holiday Inn to SIU Student Center, Registration
6:00 – 6:45 Meet and Greet Dessert Reception, *SIU Student Center 2nd floor*
6:00 – 8:30 Silent auction and exhibits open
6:45 – 8:00 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 – 9:00 Bus shuttle from SIU Student Center to Holiday Inn
8:45 – 10:00 Hospitality room

Monday, July 25

- 6:00 -7:30 Breakfast (provided to guests by Holiday Inn)
7:00 – 7:30 Registration table at Holiday Inn
7:15 – 7:30 Load buses at hotel for field tour
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 Holzmuller, 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
3:00 – 3:30 Buses return to hotel
3:30 – 6:30 Dinner on your own
6:30 – 7:30 Bus shuttle from Holiday Inn to SIU Student Center

- 6:30 – 8:45 Silent auction and exhibits open
- 7:00 – 8:30 Landowner Show and Tell
Agroforestry 101, John Buchanan
Fine tuning 30 years of plantation management, Hugh Pence
Blennerhassett tree planting, John Kelsey
Clover establishment, Bill Hammitt
- 8:30 – 9:30 Bus shuttle from SIU Student Center to Holiday Inn
- 9:00 – 10:00 Hospitality room

Tuesday, July 26

- 6:00 -7:30 Breakfast (provided to guests by Holiday Inn)
- 8:00 – 8:30 Drive on your own or carpool to SIU Student Center (parking passes required, pick up at registration)
- 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 White Oak Initiative, Hank Stelzer
- 10 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 10:45 Maximizing financial returns through decision modeling and cash flow analysis of black walnut plantations, Erin Shaw
- 10:45 – 11:15 Management options for Tree-of-Heaven, Lenny Farlee
- 11:15 – 11:45 New digital soil tools for foresters and forest landowners, Hank Stelzer
- 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch (provided in the 1st floor food court)
- 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 on your own or carpool
- 5:30 – 6:30 Bus shuttle from Holiday Inn to SIU Student Center
- 6:00 – 6:30 Reception (cash bar), silent auction and exhibits open
- 6:25 Silent auction ends (approx., will be announced)
- 6:30 – 8:30 Banquet
- 8:00 – 9:30 Bus shuttle from SIU Student Center to Holiday Inn
- 9:00 – 10:00 Hospitality room

Wednesday, July 27

- 7:45 – 8:00 Drive on your own or carpool to SIU Student Center (parking passes required, pick up at registration)
- 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast (provided by Walnut Council), *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
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- 1:30 – 3:00 Optional afternoon field tour- Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge
Lunch on your own, travel on your own.

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

This program has been approved for 12.5 CEUs by the Society of American Foresters.

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

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Carbondale, 2300 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, IL 62901.

[Map link](#)

For reservations call 618-549-2600 or [book online](#).