



# Walnut Council National Meeting

## Joint Meeting with Northern Nut Growers Association and Chestnut Growers of America

*University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri  
July 23-26, 2023*

Dear Walnut Council member:

We are excited to announce the 2023 Walnut Council Annual Meeting! We are pleased to return to Columbia, Missouri after 15 years and looking forward to a joint meeting with our fellow tree growers. With the other organizations this should be our largest event in many years and more networking and ideas to share.

Please see the enclosed information with summaries of the field tours, agenda, registration and hotel information. Some details are not yet finalized, so check out the upcoming bulletin for more detailed information or check online at [www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting](http://www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting).

We hope you can join us in person, but an exciting new feature is an online Zoom option for Tuesday and Wednesday presentations, see registration form to sign up. With all the great things to see we know you'll be glad you attended. We hope you can join us for the meeting!

*Liz Jackson*

Executive Director, Walnut Council

### **2023 ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW**

**Sunday night** will be an evening social, with a poster session and Landowner Show and Tell.

**Monday's AM field tour** will be at the University's Horticulture & Agroforestry Research Farm with the afternoon tour of hardwood management on Walnut Council member Mike Trial's property. Evening will include a poster session and live auction.

**Tuesday** will be all-day technical sessions on fine hardwood management and a concurrent session on nut growing and other topics, check out the agenda for specific topics. The awards banquet is in the evening.

**Wednesday AM** continues the technical sessions. In the afternoon, there are a variety of suggested optional free tours, select those you might be interested in on the registration form.

### **Registration**

The deadline for early registration is **June 24th**, although later registrations will be accepted with a late fee. Please register early to assist in planning, and online registration is preferred. Full registration includes favor, Sunday's welcome reception, Monday's field tour with lunch, Tuesday indoor program with lunch and breaks, Tuesday social/banquet, and Wednesday AM program. It does not include transportation or lodging. Full refunds on registrations are available through July 13.

Companion registration is available for those not attending technical sessions and includes the Sunday welcome reception, Tuesday companion tour and lunch, and Tuesday evening social/ banquet. Those unable to attend the entire meeting may register for an individual day or for the banquet separately as shown on the registration form.

Register online (preferred) at [www.centerforagroforestry.org/event/2023-nut-grower-conference](http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/event/2023-nut-grower-conference) or with the enclosed form. Please fill out one form per registrant.

### **Hotel Accommodations: Call and Reserve Your Room Today!**

The Hampton Inn and Suites Columbia at the University of Missouri, 1225 Fellows Place is approximately 0.8 miles south of the campus. Call 573-214-2222 **by June 23** to book at the special “Walnut Council” group rate of \$115 + tax per night or book online at [www.bit.ly/3jIBuXc](http://www.bit.ly/3jIBuXc).

An alternate discount option is in the campus College Avenue residence halls. Rooms are available for \$180 single and \$200 double (\$100 per person) total with a shared bathroom for a Sunday-Tuesday night stay. If you need Saturday or Wednesday night, call Caroline Todd (573-884-2874). Housing reservations need to be made **by May 21** and paid for during registration. After May 21, call Caroline Todd (573- 884-2874) to see if still available. Fifty percent of the housing fee will be refunded if cancelled 10 to 60 days before the conference.

### **Parking**

Parking passes are available for purchase on the registration form. You are encouraged to purchase a 7-day pass for \$24 to park in the Hitt Street Parking Garage. There will be golf carts shuttling people between the parking garage and the conference building or use the metered parking along the street.

If you have an ADA placard/license plate, purchase a \$24 7-day pass to park first come/first serve in any non-restricted accessibility spaces on campus including the Hitt Street Visitor Lot (HSVVL) across the street from the conference building.

For those staying in campus housing, plan to use the parking behind the residence hall and the Hitt Street Parking Structure. Golf carts will be available to move between the residence hall and the conference.

### **Sponsorships**

Meeting sponsorships help keep registration costs down and can be an effective mode of advertising for individuals, organizations, and companies who promote the culture, growth, and utilization of high value hardwoods. Sponsors will be recognized by signage at the meeting and in the Walnut Council Bulletin and by a flyer in the registration packet. Add your donation on the registration form or contact the office if questions. We'd be extremely grateful for your support.

**MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS?** Contact Liz Jackson, Executive Director, at 765-496-5013; [walnutcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:walnutcouncil@gmail.com) or check us out on the web at [www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting](http://www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting). Registration questions to Caroline Todd, 573-884-2874 or [toddcs@missouri.edu](mailto:toddcs@missouri.edu).

**Walnut Council/Northern Nut Growers Association/Chestnut Growers of America  
2023 Meeting Agenda**

**Sunday, 23 July**

- 10:00 – 11:30 **Walnut Council Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**, Hampton Inn Columbia at the University of Missouri (guests welcome)
- 12:30 – 3:30 **Walnut Council Board of Directors Meeting**, Hampton Inn (guests welcome)
- 3:30 – 7:00 **Registration**, Anheuser Busch Natural Resource Building (ABNR) Lobby
- 3:30 – 6:00 Set up Posters, Exhibits, and Silent Auction, ABNR Lobby and Room 123
- 4:30 – 6:00 **Dinner TBD**
- 5:45 – 7:00 **Welcome Reception**, ABNR Lobby
- 6:00 – 7:00 **Poster Session**, (see listing of potential posters on pg 4)
- 7:10 – 8:30 **Show and Tell**, ABNR Conservation Hall
- 7:10 – 7:20 Welcome, Mike Gold, Session Moderator
- 7:20 – 7:30 Charlie Novogradac, Construction and Operation of a Low-Cost Air Cleaner For Small Chestnut Orchards
- 7:30 – 7:40 Jeff Polfer, Abundant Harvests, Soil Health, Nutrients and Plant Health
- 7:40 – 7:50 Open
- 7:50 – 8:00 Bill Hammitt, Establishing Clover Cover Crops in Black Walnut Plantations
- 8:00 – 8:10 NNGA Cultivar Inventory Database
- 8:10 – 8:20 Rick Hartlieb, Setting Up a New Diversified Orchard with Hazelnuts and Chestnuts
- 8:20 – 8:30 Mike Gold, Monday field day logistics

**Monday, 24 July**

*There is an all-day tour at the HARF or choose one morning tour at HARF and afternoon at Walnut Council member Mike Trial's property to tour timber management.*

- 7:50 – 8:45 **Travel on your own to Horticulture and Agroforestry Research FARM (HARF)**, 10 Research Center Road, New Franklin
- 8:45 – 9:00 Ron Revord, Welcome
- 2 different wagon tours and 1 walking tour concurrent, repeated during the day. (Black walnut will be discussed in tours 2 and 3, choose one tour before lunch)
- 9:00 – 11:00 **Tour 1 (Wagon Near Loop)**: Chestnut Repository 1; Chestnut Cultivar Trial; and Chestnut Repository 2
- Tour 2 (Wagon Far Loop)**: Northern Pecan Repository; Hazelnut Breeding Block; and Black Walnut Mapping Populations and Selection Trial
- Tour 3 (Walking)**: Black Walnut Repository and Progeny Block; Precocious Swamp White Oak Planting; Hazelnut Selection and Cultivar Traits
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Concurrent Demonstrations** around Hay Barn: Chestnut, Pecan, and Walnut Harvesters; Electric Deer Fencing; Drones for Insecticide Applications; Orchard Irrigation Considerations; Elderberry Culture and Weed Management Trial; Grafting and Control Pollination videos
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Lunch**
- 12:15 – 1:00 Drive to Alternate Timber Management Field Tour at Mike Trial property, 301 North Highway UU, Columbia
- 1:15 – 1:30 Welcome at Mike Trial property field tour
- 1:30 – 4:00 **Black Walnut Plantation Tour** with topics to include:
- Small sawmill operations, demo/discussion of thinning a plantation and utilizing the cut trees as sawmill logs

- Removing fescue from plantations and replacing with cover crops or warm season grasses/forbs
- Invasive species control demo/discussion, removing woody invasives such as bush honeysuckle and autumn olive.

12:30 – 4:30 For those who stayed at HARF: HARF Tours 1, 2, and 3 repeat two times  
 4:00 – 5:00 Return to Columbia  
 5:30 – 7:00 **Dinner on your own**  
 7:00 – 7:30 **Poster Session**  
 7:30 – 9:30 **Live Auction** in ABNR Conservation Hall. Proceeds will be used to support tree related research and special projects.

## Tuesday, 25 July

7:00 – 8:00 Coffee available in ABNR Lobby  
 7:45 – 8:15 **Walnut Council Business Meeting**, Agriculture Science Building  
 7:45 – 8:15 **NNGA Business Meeting**, ABNR 210  
 8:20 – 8:30 **Technical Presentations: Welcome/Overview**, Mike Gold, ABNR 210  
 8:30 – 9:15 Ron Revord, **Keynote Presentation** -Updates on UMCA Chestnut and Other Nut Tree Research  
 9:30 – 3:00 **Companion Program**, Meet in Lobby of Hampton Inn. Sites to be determined, lunch included with companion registration.

## Concurrent Session B Presentations, Agriculture Sciences Building

Attendees can choose whichever session (A or B) or switch between sessions. Concurrent B are expected to be of most interest to Walnut Council members. See Concurrent session A listing below for sessions on chestnut, hazelnut, pecan, and pawpaw.

9:20 – 9:40 Thomas Goff – Current Status of the Walnut Resource  
 9:40 – 10:00 Brian Brookshire – Eastern Black Walnut, An Industry Perspective on Domestic and International Lumber and Log Markets  
 10:00 – 10:20 Q and A for Goff and Brookshire  
 10:20 – 10:40 Break  
 10:40 – 11:00 Tim Martinson – Economics and the Walnut Council  
 11:00 – 11:20 Lenny Farlee – Timber Taxation and Expenses: Resources to Navigate  
 11:20 – 11:40 Joe Alley – NRCS Updates and New Cost-Sharing Opportunities  
 11:40 – 12:00 Q and A  
 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch  
 1:00 – 1:20 Shaneka Lawson – Growth Patterns and Soil Suitability Studies in Juglans nigra L. and Quercus rubra L. plantations  
 1:20 – 1:40 Jerry Van Sambeek – Hardwood Fertilization for Timber and Nuts  
 1:40 – 2:00 Q and A  
 2:00 – 2:20 Break and Closing of the Silent Auction  
 2:20 – 2:40 Stephanie Adams/Fredric Miller – Oak Decline and Death in Illinois: What Role Does Phytophthora Play in Overall Tree Decline?  
 2:40 – 3:00 Bruce Moltzan – National Perspective on Forest Health Issues  
 3:00 – 3:20 Matt Ginzler – Hardwood Tree Improvement & Regeneration Center’s Strategic Responses To Forest Health Threats  
 3:20 – 3:40 Q and A  
 3:40 – 4:00 Ben Knapp/John Kabrick – Contributions of Hardwood Forest Management to Climate-smart Forestry  
 4:00 – 4:20 Brian Schweiss and Hank Stelzer – The White Oak Initiative Update

- 4:20 – 4:40 Lauren Pile Knapp – Controlling Invasive Plants and Grape Vines in Hardwood Plantings  
 4:40 – 5:00 Q and A

**Concurrent Session A Presentations, ABNR Conservation Hall**

This session on nut tree crops occurs concurrently with the walnut/forest management session. Attendees can choose whichever session they prefer or switch between sessions.

- 9:20 – 9:40 Jeanne-Romero-Severson, AIMS: Update on Chestnut Ancestry  
 9:40 – 10:00 Mike Nave, Cross Species Breeding for Eastern Chestnut Growers  
 10:00 – 10:20 Greg Miller, Grafts vs Seedling for Chestnut Production  
 10:20 – 10:40 Break  
 10:40 – 11:00 Amy Miller, Our Experience with Oak Wilt in Our Chestnut Orchards  
 11:00 – 11:20 Seth Gillium, Success, Challenges, and Opportunities of Scaling Regenerative Agroforestry with Chestnut Trees  
 11:20-11:40 Louis Naeger, Planning for Farm Succession  
 11:40 – 12:00 Charlie Novogradac, Practical Tips, Cautions, Observations, Tried, and Yet to Be Ideas on Establishing Chestnut Orchards Organically  
 12:00- 1:00 Lunch  
 1:00 – 1:10 Jesse Marksohn, The Case for Chestnut Flour: Early Research and Findings  
 1:10 – 2:00 Chestnut Marketing, Mike Gold, Moderator  
 Amy Miller – Route 9 Co-op; Roger Blackwell- New Era Chestnuts; Roger Smith- Prairie Groves Chestnut Growers; Debbie Milks – Chestnut Charlie’s Organic Nuts; Tom Wahl – Red Fern Farm; Dale Black – Chestnut Ridge of Pike County  
 2:00 – 2:20 Break and **Closing of the Silent Auction**  
 2:20 – 2:40 Thomas Molnar, An Update on New Cultivars from Rutgers Univ. and Strategies for Propagation  
 2:40 – 3:00 Dan Jacobs, Making Informed Decisions on Pollinizer Selection and Distribution Throughout a Hazelnut Orchard  
 3:00 – 3:20 Nick Meier, Breeding for Durable EFB Resistance Through the Hybrid Hazelnut Consortium  
 3:20 – 3:40 Jason Fischbach, Updates on Hazelnut Germplasm and Industry Development from the Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative  
 3:40 – 4:00 Warren Chatwin, Picturing Pecans: New Cultivar Releases and Modernizing the USDA ARS Pecan Breeding Program  
 4:00 – 4:20 Dan Shepherd, My Mistakes In 50 Years of Being a Pecan Farmer  
 4:20 – 4:40 Ron Powell and Neal Peterson, Pawpaw Culture  
 4:40 – 5:00 Rodney Dever, Who Needs Pawpaw Cultivars?  
 5:00 – 6:00 Silent auction bidders pick up items  
 6:15 – 7:00 **Social** with cash bar  
 6:30 – 6:45 **Group Photo**  
 7:00 – 8:00 **Banquet**, Brewer Field House  
 8:00 – 8:30 **Keynote Speaker**, Shawn Mehlenbacher  
 8:30 – 9:15 NNGA/Walnut Council/Chestnut Growers of America Announcements and Awards

**Wednesday, 26 July**

- 8:15 – 12:00 **Session C Presentations, ABNR Conservation Hall**  
 8:15 – 8:30 Announcements, Greg Miller, President, NNGA  
 8:30 – 9:20 Mark Coggeshall, Ron Revord, and Nick Meier, Past, Present, and Future of

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| 9:20 – 9:40   | Black Walnut Breeding at the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry<br>Doug Wallace, Using NRCS Web Soil Survey for Evaluating and Developing Tree Plantings |
| 9:40 – 10:00  | Chung-Ho Lin, Exploring the Economic Opportunities and Health Benefits of Black Walnuts  |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Break  |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Bill Stouffer, Alley-cropping, Tree Management, and Nut Production   |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Josh Payne, Cover Crops and Soil Health Impacts for Orchards and Tree Plantings  |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Samantha Bosco, Updates on Efforts to Map the Demand for Agroforestry – Research Gaps, Bottlenecks, and Possible Solutions   |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | Brian Hammons and Pierce Hollingsworth, Nut Markets for the 'BOLD, WILD Walnut' – Flavorful, Healthy & Sustainable.  |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Announcements/Closing  |

### **Poster Presentations, ABNR Lobby**

Sunday July 23, 6:00-7:00 & Monday July 24, 7:00 -7:30 (*posters subject to change*)

- Casey Calvert and Tim Martinson, Forestry Co-ops: A Model to Consider
- Aziz Ebrahimi, et al. – Conserving Threatened Butternut Trees Using a Multi-nomics Approach
- Carrie J. Fearer and Anna Conrad, Walnut Witches'-broom Disease: A Threat to Butternut Restoration
- Max Huchteman, Weed Management Trials in Elderberry
- Caleb Kell, et al. – Mixed Nuts: Evaluating Field Performance and Improving Regeneration of Pure and Hybrid Butternut
- Sarah Phipps and Rosalee Knipps, Where are We on Thousand Cankers Disease?
- Shaneka Lawson, Swamp White Oak precocity
- Shaneka Lawson, Soil suitability and tree growth
- Amy Miller, Chestnut Anthracnose aka Blossom End Rot
- Tim Martinson and Greg Vogel – Walnut Council Impacts: Results of Survey of Number and Size of Walnut Plantation
- Jim McKenna, Blight Resistance of OxO American Chestnut in Indiana
- Jim McKenna, Bark Cracking of Walnut Trees - a Tough Nut to Crack
- Nolan Monaghan, Quantitative Trait Loci Mapping in Eastern Black Walnut
- Sydney Moore, Genotype x Environment Cultivar Trial
- Ron Revord, Ozark Chinquapin Conservation
- Andrew Thomas, et al., Shaking Black Walnut Trees for an Earlier and More Valuable Nut Harvest
- Michele Warmund and Jerry Van Sambeek, Improving walnut seed germination with GA 4+7 pre-stratification treatments

# National Meeting Tour Highlights

## **Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Farm—Monday, July 25 morning**

Concurrent Tours will be repeated once in the morning and twice in the afternoon:

Tour 1 (Wagon Near Loop): Chestnut Repository 1; Chestnut Cultivar Trial; and Chestnut Repository 2

Tour 2 (Wagon Far Loop): Northern Pecan Repository; Drones for Pecan Pest Control; Hazelnut Breeding Block; and Black Walnut Mapping Populations and Selection Trial

Tour 3 (Walking): Black Walnut Repository and Progeny Block; Precocious Swamp White Oak Planting; Hazelnut Selection and Cultivar Traits

Equipment planned for the demonstration area includes irrigation, electric deer fence, and nut harvesting. How-to videos for topics such as grafting will be shown in the haybarn.

## **Trial property—Monday, July 25 afternoon**

Planned topics include:

1) Small sawmill operations (including a discussion of thinning a tree plantation and utilizing the cut trees as sawmill logs.) This demonstration/discussion includes log handling, sawing, drying, selling, and some comments on different sawmill brands.

2) Removing fescue from walnut tree plantations and replacing it with cover crops or warm season grasses and forbs. This demonstration/discussion includes comments on various herbicides.

3) Invasive species control, focusing on removing woody invasives such as bush honeysuckle and autumn olive. This demonstration/discussion includes comments on various control methods including mechanical grinding, hand pulling, cutting and stump treating, mowing, and grazing.

## **ALTERNATE COMPANION TOURS**

### **Tuesday July 25**

On Tuesday, an alternate program is being arranged for those who do not register for the technical sessions. Register for the Companion (or CAPS) program to tour several local sites (TBD) and enjoy lunch together.

## OPTIONAL POST CONFERENCE TOURS

### Wednesday, July 27, afternoon

**Missouri Pacific Lumber will be one post conference tour, [www.mopaclumber.com](http://www.mopaclumber.com),** Travel on your own and lunch on your own for a 2 PM tour start (25 mi NW of Columbia).

We are trying to set up additional post conference tours on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. Mark your interest on the back of the registration form. If there is no demand, we will not plan those tours. Below is a partial list of some post-conference tour opportunities listed in order of increasing distance from Columbia.

**Brundage/Wilson HTIRC Black Walnut Clonal Trial**, Harrisburg, MO. Grafts of the HTIRC's fifteen best timber selections in 2007 were planted in replicated plots on a wide floodplain less than an hour (20 miles) northwest of Columbia.

**Shepherd's Pecan Valley**, 1580 County Road, Clifton Hill, MO. Dan Shepherd ([dan@cvalley.net](mailto:dan@cvalley.net)) manages one of the largest pecan orchards ([shepherd farms.com](http://shepherd farms.com)), processes his own pecans and markets pecans via the internet and farm store. Located about 1 hour (50 miles) north and west of Columbia.

**Cedar Hill Farms**, 31229 Mount Olive Rd, Marshall, MO 65340. Bill and Sue Ellen Stouffer ([cedarhillfarm.com](http://cedarhillfarm.com), 660-287-4510) manage over 20 acres of chestnut trees in an alley cropping agroforestry practice about 1 hour (60 miles) west of Columbia (Hwy 41 of I-70 W).

**Forrest Keeling Nursery**, 88 Forrest Keeling Lane, Elsberry, MO. The Lovelace family owns and operates a tree nursery ([fknursery.com](http://fknursery.com), 573-898-5571) noted for its air-root pruned (RPM) planting stock about 2 hours (103 miles) northeast of Columbia (Hwy E off I-70) and 1 hour (53 miles) to St. Louis Airport.

**Chestnut Ridge of Pike County**, US 54, Rockport, IL. Dale Black manages 30 acres of 'Dunstan' chestnut plantings ([chestnutridgeofpikecounty.com](http://chestnutridgeofpikecounty.com)) along the bluffs above the Mississippi River Valley about 2 hours (105 miles) northeast of Columbia (US 54E off I-70 E) and 2 hours (95 miles) from St. Louis Airport (I-70 E off US 61 S).



# 2023 Joint Conference Registration Form

The 2023 Joint Conference of the Northern Nut Growers Association (NNGA), Chestnut Growers of America (CGA), and the Walnut Council (WC) to be held **July 23 – 26, 2023** on the **University of Missouri Campus in Columbia, MO**.

Register online at [centerforagroforestry.org/event/2023-nut-grower-conference](https://centerforagroforestry.org/event/2023-nut-grower-conference) or complete this form with payment to Caroline Todd, 302 ABNR, 1111 E. Rollins Street, Columbia, MO 65211 (not 65203). **Register by June 24 for the early bird special rate.** For registrations after July 13, call Caroline Todd to see if we have had some cancellations.

*\*\*Please complete a separate registration for each adult attendee.\*\**



## Who is this registration for?

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you'd like it to appear on your name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you do not want your name and address included on the printed list of conference attendees.

## Registration Type

*All full registrations for in-person attendance include program packet, favor, hors d'oeuvres during the Sunday welcome session, Monday field trip catered lunch; Tuesday box lunch, Tuesday Social (with cash bar)/Banquet; and break refreshments.*

**Member Full Registration**  \$200 Early Bird (before June 24)  \$250 (June 24 or later)

I or my spouse is a member of:  NNGA  CGA  WC  Missouri WC + WC

**Non-Member Full Registration\***  \$240 Early Bird (before June 24)  \$290 (June 24 or later)

The registration fee for non-members includes a one-year membership to the organization of your choice. Membership includes online pdf copies of organization's newsletters. Which organization would you like to join?  NNGA  CGA  WC

**Companion(s):** Not attending technical sessions but joining in Sunday welcome reception, Tuesday tour and lunch, Tuesday social/banquet, live & silent auctions  \$120 per companion/child

List name(s) of accompanying child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor\*\*** Full registration plus table  \$225 Early Bird (before June 24)  \$275 (June 24 or later)

**Display or Exhibit\*\* Only** (Table without staffing, does not include meals)  \$50

*Contact Caroline Todd if you want to send brochures or handouts in advance for the registration packets.*

**One Day Registration** *If more than one day, please complete a full or companion registration.*

\$50 Sunday  \$65 Monday  \$100 Tuesday  \$30 Wednesday

**Virtual Attendance** for Tuesday and Wednesday technical sessions  \$50 total

Link to Zoom sessions will be sent in late July. Send email message confirming registration to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Sponsorship:** As part of your registration, would you like to include a donation to help sponsor the conference?

\$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_  No donation at this time

## Dietary Restrictions

Please list any dietary restriction (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.) you have. We want to accommodate your needs:

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## Accessibility

Activities requiring participants to stand for up to 20 minutes, walk short and moderate distances, and sit in classroom chairs for periods of up to 45 minutes. We recognize that not all individuals are comfortable or able to complete these tasks without assistance. **If you will need assistance with any of these activities**, please list here so that we are prepared to accommodate needs:

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**Please turn over and complete the second page →**

**On Campus Housing**

On campus housing will be in College Avenue residence halls across the catwalk from Plaza 900 cafeteria and the ABNR building. There are both single- and double-occupancy rooms available, and both share a bathroom with another room. All beds are twin beds. Rates are for a three-night stay (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday night) and include towels and linens. If you need additional nights, call Caroline Todd (573-884-2874) to make arrangements. Parking is available behind the residence hall and the Hitt Street Parking Structure with a \$24, 7-day pass. On campus housing reservation and payment must be made on the registration form.

- \$180 per stay, single room with one twin bed and shared bathroom with another room
- \$200 per stay, double occupancy with no roommate with two twin beds and shared bathroom
- \$100 per stay, double occupancy with roommate with two twin beds and shared bathroom. Roommate will need to register on a separate form and pay their \$100/stay share. Roommate's name: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$0—I will find lodging elsewhere on my own

**Payment**

Registration amount from other side \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Event Sponsorship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On Campus Housing: Enter amount for 3-night stay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On Campus Parking: 7-day pass for \$24 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ License plate: State \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Tour Preferences** (Mark the 2 or 3 tours of the most interest to you to help us plan; all choices will be available day of)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tour A</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tour B</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Walking Tour</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Timber Mgmt Tour</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Demos Area</b> |
| Chestnut repository 1                  | Walnut mapping pop.                    | Walnut repository                            | Controlling invasives                            | Deer fence, irrigation                     |
| Chestnut cultivar trial                | Walnut selection trial                 | Walnut progeny block                         | Alternative vegetation                           | Harvesting equipment                       |
| Chestnut repository 2                  | Hazelnut breeding block                | Swamp white oak                              | Small log utilization                            | How-to videos, podcast                     |
|  | Pecan repository                       | Hazelnut cultivar trial                      | Thinning decisions                               | Elderberry cultivar trial                  |
|  | Drone demonstration                    |  | Forestry equipment                               |  |

**Post-Conference Tour Wednesday afternoon interest** (Mark 1 or 2 so we can cancel those that have the least interest)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not plan to participate           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut Ridge of Pike County | <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Hill Farms            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut Charlies Organic Tree Crops | <input type="checkbox"/> Hammons Products Company      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd Pecan Valley       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri Pacific Lumber              | <input type="checkbox"/> Forrest Keeling Nursery       | <input type="checkbox"/> Brundage HTIRC Clonal Trial |

**Please share some information about you and your interests with us!**

Check if you attending your first national meetings of the:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Nut Growers Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut Growers of America | <input type="checkbox"/> Walnut Council |
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What is your principal background and interest?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grower—Commercial Production         | <input type="checkbox"/> Grower—Hobbyist                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research—Academia, Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer—Availability, marketing, nutrition, uses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companion to one of the above        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                      |

Which tree crops are you most interested in? (Select up to three)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnuts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazelnuts             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pecans         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hickory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Walnut (nuts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Walnut (timber) | <input type="checkbox"/> Persian Walnut | <input type="checkbox"/> Oaks    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butternut           | <input type="checkbox"/> Heartnut              | <input type="checkbox"/> Persimmon      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pawpaw  |

What topics are of most interest to you? (Select up to three)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Starting a new planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Site selection and layout | <input type="checkbox"/> Site prep and weed control | <input type="checkbox"/> Growing trees from seed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetative propagation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultivar selection        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pests & Diseases           | <input type="checkbox"/> Nut processing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Management      | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting nuts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting timber          | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____            |  |   |  |

**Send completed form with payment to:**

Caroline Todd, ABNR 302, 1111 E. Rollins Street, Columbia, MO 65211

Make checks payable to University of Missouri.

If you have questions or want to check on the cost or status of your registration, please call or email:

Caroline Todd at toddcs@missouri.edu or 573-884-2874