

# Wisconsin Tree Farmer

May 2007

## Special points of interest:

- 2007 National Tree Farmer Convention will be held at the Monona Terrace, Madison, WI October 11-14, 2007
- 2007 National Tree Farmer Convention to include tours of Menominee Tribal Enterprises, Aldo Leopold Shack, Stora Enso Paper Mill, USDA Forest Products Lab
- Saturday Field Day at National Tree Farmer Convention will be held at the Arington Tree Farm in Cambridge, WI
- Saturday-only registration will be offered during National Tree Farmer Convention

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## Tours at 2007 National Tree Farmer Convention include Menomonee Tribal Industries, a Stora Enso Paper Mill, Aldo Leopold's Shack, and Forest Products Lab

The Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee's Convention Planning subcommittee has released a tentative schedule of events for the 2007 National Tree Farmer Convention, to be held at Monona Terrace Oct. 11-14, 2007. The committee has planned a variety of tours highlight our unique state of Wisconsin.

Registration information will be available on the American Tree Farm System website: [www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org). Additional Convention information will also be available on the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee website: [www.witreefarm.org](http://www.witreefarm.org).

Two-Day Pre Conference tours begin on October 9, 2007. The first tour, October 9-10, includes a visit to Menomonee Tribal Enterprises. This tour highlights sustainable forestry management practices. Tour stops will include the Tree Farms of the Charlson's, the 2000 Regional Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year, and the Zdanovec's, the 2004 National Tree Farm of the Year.

There will also be a tour of the USFS Oconto River Seed Orchard and Kretz Lumber Company. The tour will stay overnight in Shawano.

The second Two-Day Pre Conference tour, to be held October 10-11, will head east to Green Bay. Stops include a visit to Lambeau Field and the Packer Hall of Fame, followed by a tour of Thunder Mountain Ranch, a 3,300 acre Tree Farm that has been owned and managed by the same family since 1929. The group will also visit Tom and Leslyn Jacobs' Tree Farm for a Wisconsin Fish Boil. Tour participants will spend the night in Crivitz.

On October 10, 2007 a one-day tour of Central Wisconsin will include Nancy Livingston's (2005 Wisconsin Outstanding Tree Farmer Of the Year) Tree Farm. The tour will also visit a Stora Enso Paper Mill.

Another convention highlight will be a Sand County tour of the International Crane Foundation, the Leopold Legacy Center, and the Aldo Leopold shack.

Also to be offered is a tour of Horicon Marsh, the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the country. Over 260 kinds of birds been sighted over the years. The morning will be spent at Horicon Marsh DNR Headquarters with a program given by Bill Volkert. The afternoon will be spent

on a pontoon tour of Horicon Marsh.

A Wisconsin School Forest tour will also be offered during the National Tree Farmer Convention. Hosted by Jeremy Solin, the Wisconsin School Forest Education Specialist, the tour will visit the Verona and Portage School Forests and will highlight student management projects and plan developments.

On October 11, 2007, convention-goers will visit the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Products Lab, which serves the public as the nation's leading wood research institute. Tour stops will include the wood anatomy lab, pulp and paper lab, and the demonstration house.

Also, a visit to the Crave Brother Dairy farm will be included, featuring a tour of their cheese making operations and a view of the morning milking.

The Arington Tree Farm, a 100-acre Tree Farm in Cambridge (about 20 minutes from Monona Terrace) will be the site for the Saturday Field Day on October 13.

On October 14, there will be a second tour of the Leopold Legacy Center and Aldo Leopold's shack.

## Visit Koerner Family Forests for our Annual Tree Farm Field Day Saturday June 23, 2007

Join us for food, fun and forestry in the Town of Belmont at the Koerner Family Tree Farm on Saturday, June 23, 2007.

John and Diane Koerner started with the home farm 80 in 1967. Most of that was open ground planted with Red Pines. Over the decades, their sons Scott and Jeff, and their wives and children, have become an integral part of the family logging business.

All of the woodland is entered under the MFL and is managed sustainably for wood fiber, hunting opportunities, recreation,

soil erosion control, and groundwater protection.

Much of the Tree Farm is leased for hunting. The hunters that lease the woods also take care of "their" properties, watching for trespassers and tree problems while keeping the woods clean.

The Koerners have completed harvests on 1,342 acres within past 10 years, and planted 358,000 seedlings. They have also been active in the forestry community, working with grade school classes to explain Forestry and logging, and providing

volunteer support to the WI Professional Loggers Assn., the Governor's Council on Forestry, and WWOA.

They encourage other woodland owners to actively manage their lands as part of their commitment to promoting sustainable forestry practices in Wisconsin.

To register for the Field Day, please return the registration form located on the next page to the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee by June 15, 2007.

Attendance will be limited to 100 people.



### Visit

[www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org)  
for up-to-date  
Convention news  
and information.

Check back often, as updates will be posted as they are announced.

Online Convention  
Registration will be  
available June 1, 2007.

"If we are going to show folks from the other 49 states what Wisconsin Forestry is all about, then we will need your help to succeed."

— John DuPlissis  
National Convention  
Committee Chair

## National Tree Farmer Convention — Help Needed!

As you have read this newsletter, you have learned that Wisconsin will host this year's National Tree Farm Convention. What you may not know is that this convention will not be a success without your help and support.

Hosting the National Convention is a tremendous undertaking and we have some very wonderful individuals who have committed to help us make this a success. They have undertaken the task of trying to understand everything that goes into planning such a large event but we are few and many hands make for light and enjoyable work. I would like to ask you to consider helping by serving on one of the planning committees.

We are looking for folks who have skills that could help our Marketing and Communications Committee, Finance Committee, Events Planning Committee, Finance Committee, Auction, Exhibits and Raffle Committee, the Convention Store, and our Convention Logistics Committee. Much of this work has begun, but it could be better if you would lend us a hand.

Even if you don't feel like you can serve on one of the committees, we will still need many people during the conference to help with registration, help folks find their way to the right bus or the right room, or to help folks purchase a commemorative item or give them directions on how to

participate in the auction or raffle.

I would ask that you contact Randy Sthokal, Wisconsin Tree Farm Administrator, by phone at (715) 445-5991 or e-mail at [wffc@athenet.net](mailto:wffc@athenet.net) and let him know how you would like to help. Randy will then get you in touch with the right person. If we are going to show folks from the other 49 states what Wisconsin Forestry is all about, then we will need your help to succeed.

Sincerely,

John G. DuPlissis  
Forestry Outreach  
Programs Director,  
National Tree Farmer  
Convention  
Committee Chair

# Tree Farm Field Day 2007

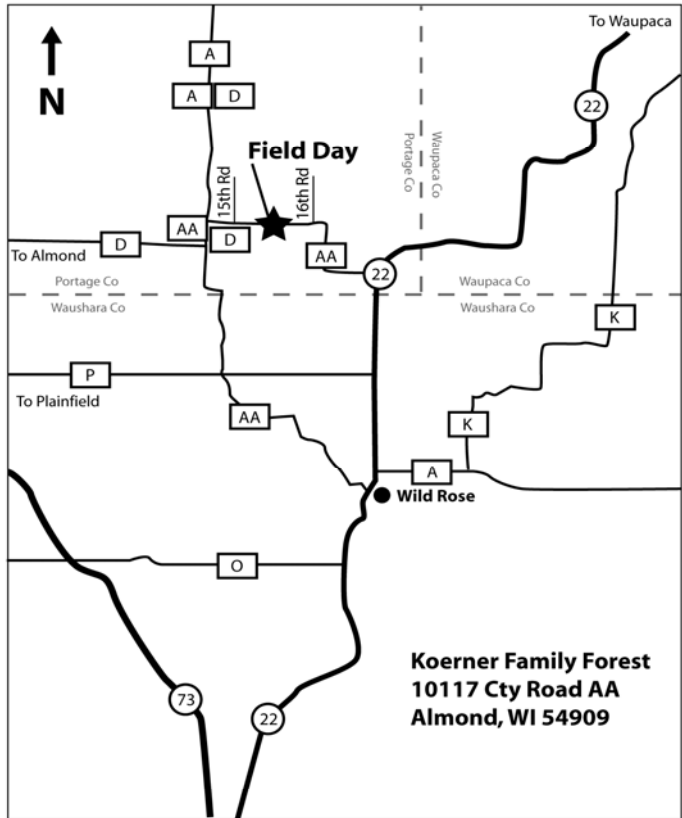
Hosted by the Koerner Family  
 at the Koerner Family Tree Farm  
 Located in the Town of Belmont

9:00 am to 2:45 pm

**Events at the Field Day include:**

- **Logging Demonstration**  
 Use of harvesting equipment and thinning techniques
- **Pine Management Tour**  
 Examples of site-prep, planting, stocking, spacing, thinning schedules
- **Butterfly Tour**  
 See the Karner blue Butterfly habitat
- **Details of Erosion and Restoration**  
 Discussion of reclaiming degraded agricultural fields through tree planting and Forestry Management
- **Pine Insect and Disease Issues**  
 Identification, control and management for Annosum root rot, Jack Pine Budworm and other pests.
- **Discussion of Invasive Species Control**  
 How to integrate controls into your forest management plans

## KOERNER FAMILY FOREST TOWN OF BELMONT, WISCONSIN



**Driving Distances from Major Cities to Portage County, WI**

Minneapolis – 215 miles	
Milwaukee – 155 miles	
Madison – 110 miles	
Green Bay – 95 miles	
Chicago – 250 miles	

**ANNUAL TREE FARM FIELD DAY**

**Saturday, June 23, 2007**

2007 Tree Farm Field Day • Koerner Family Forests, Town of Belmont, WI  
 Please make checks payable to : *Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee*

# of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$10.00/individual  
 \$15.00/couple  
 \$25.00/family

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Wheelchair Access /Assistance Needed

Email \_\_\_\_\_  First time attending a Tree Farm Field Day

Mail completed registration to: WTFC  
 PO Box 285  
 Stevens Point, WI 54481-0285

**Attendance is limited to 100 participants**

**Registration Due by June 15, 2007**

Coffee and rolls will be provided in the morning. A catered lunch will also be provided to attendees.

To donate an item for the Silent Auction, contact Ruthanne Horning by e-mail at [cookie@maqs.net](mailto:cookie@maqs.net).

Suggested items include handcrafted wood items, crafts, and unusual or unique items.

**Return Service Requested**

**Wisconsin Tree Farm  
Committee**

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**Win a Bad Boy Buggie!**

You can enter a drawing to win a new Bad Boy Buggie by purchasing a raffle ticket as part of a joint fundraiser being held by the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee and the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association.  
Visit [www.badboybuggies.com](http://www.badboybuggies.com) for a description of the 4WD electric all-terrain vehicle.  
Only 3,000 tickets will be sold, with the proceeds to be split between the two organizations to assist in providing forestry outreach for woodland owners, and to promote sustainable forestry in Wisconsin.  
Tickets will be \$5.00 each, and will be available at events including the WWOA Annual Meeting and the National Tree Farmer Convention.  
See the Bad Boy Buggie demonstration in person at our Annual Tree Farm Field Day Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Koerner Family Forest in the Town of Belmont.

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