

Wisconsin Walnut Council Fall 2016 Field Day

Saturday October 8, 2016 starting at 9:30 AM and ending at 3:00 PM

Larry Severeid Farm,

19315 Jackson Rd, Sparta, WI

If you plug that address into google maps it will pin point the location

The theme for the day is pruning and thinning walnut plantations. Walnut Council members and attendees will have the chance to practice actual pruning in the Severeid plantation; the plantation will have crop trees marked so pruning will be done on crop trees only; pruning and crop tree selection can be discussed as there will be several professional foresters on site to work with participants. Release of crop trees will be done by Severeid Tree Farm at a later date.

The theme if our last field day was practicing forestry on a property with little history of management for walnut or hardwoods. This field day will provide the chance to see a property that has benefited from many years of forest management.

**PLEASE RSVP TO PROVIDE A COUNT FOR LUNCH AND INDICATE IF YOU CAN BRING A PRUNING SAW. SEE BELOW.**

START 9:30 - 10:00 Meet and greet with coffee and snacks provided

#### MORNING PRESENTATION

10:00 - 10:15 Chapter business meeting - Manfred Mielke, Chapter President

10:15 - 10:45 History of the property and review/discuss management plan - Brent Severeid and other land managers at the field day. Opportunity to see chestnut blight, butternut canker, oak wilt and Fusarium canker of walnut.

#### MORNING FIELD SESSION

10:45 - noon Hands on pruning and discussion of crop tree selection

NOON to 1:00 - Lunch provided by the chapter

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 - 3:00 Continued opportunity for pruning and discussion of walnut management; self-guided walking tours; discussion with Brent and foresters

3:00 Adjourn and head for home.

Portable bathrooms will be available; Terrain is varied but there is no formal walking tour.