

Thursday Agenda (tentative)
July 12, 18

2018 MNCTA Convention & Trade Show
Happy Land Tree Farm & Charlie Bork Tree Farm

8:00-9:00 Registration & Visit Exhibitors & Breakfast of fruit, bagels, coffee, etc.

9:00-9:30 Welcome to one of the Happy Land Tree Farm and Charlie Bork's Tree Farm when combined they have more than 100 years of experience growing trees.

(presentation given by Tree farms history)

9:30-10:30 A. Farm Tour – Walking out into converted Elk field-

- Field Prep
- Soil Testing
- Planting Balsam Fir in rocky and gravel condition.

10:30-11:30 B. Walking Tour-

- Herbicide plots – soil type, timing, problem weeds/grass
- Fertilizer plots- Mix used- rate/ac, timing

OR 10:30-11:30 C. Inside and around the office

Choose & Cut Operation process.
(What goes on inside and around the office /e setup)
Q & A and ideas

11:30-12:15 D. Demo area-

- Basel pruning- timing- demo
- De-coning
- Shearing demo

11:30-12:15 Visit Exhibitors

12:15- 1:30 Lunch- MNCTA Hamburgers Extravaganza & *Visit Exhibitors*

1:30-3:30 A. Equipment Demo's

- **Mower comparisons-**
- **Chima-** Mist blower
- **Stump Removal-**

OR

1:30-3:00 B. State Fair Meeting- Sign up schedule, Pictures selection, ornament engraving, ideas for future exhibitor at the fair. (Bring ornament with Farm name on them for display at fair)

OR

1:30-3:00 C. Walk & Talk with a Specialist – Michelle Grabowski from the U of M extension is willing to come out and speak on either Friday on her area of expertise with pathogens on evergreen trees. (Bring your samples of possible insect damage for examination)

3:00- 3:30 Calibration made simple – Ken Olson - different sprayers-
Back pack, 50 gallon tank, Mist Blower

3:30-4:00 Visit Exhibitors

4:00 – 5:00 Social Hour and Auction. Bring items to donate to auction

5:00 - 7:30 A-Jay's- Bacon Butt BBQ – please register on registration forms.

Tentative Agenda

Friday- July 13, 2018

8:00-9:30 MNCTA Pancake & Sausage Breakfast – cook by the Board

9:30- 10:00 Welcome & Farm History- Visit Exhibitors

10:00- 11:00 A Walking tour of Exotic Firs-

- **Cork Bark, Korean Fir, Balsam Fraser Crosses, etc**

11:00- 12:00 Visit with Exhibitors

11:00-12:00 Questions?

- **Shearing, Winter burn, special care.?**
- **Fencing trees, Deer problems. Deer Fly bait- tangle foot? Gophers,**
- **Session – for any topic- question ?????**

12:00-1:00 Lunch- Visit Exhibitors

1:15 Drive to Charlie Bork Tree Farm Place- Greeting & History-

- **How to make \$45,000 off 25 Acers of trees**

1:30- 4:30 Walking Tour- Stump Culture- Charlie, ?Carl Vogt-? How to

- **Production- How to thin and select trees, properly shearing, planning for future years. etc.**
- **Cutting trees, Boughs cut for resale, Bough cutting for Porch pots, Wreath making and other.**
- **Preparing for retail Season- timing? How early is too early.**

Other; Question?

5:00 -7 Walk & Dinner @ Audubon Center of the North Woods

- **Optional Dinner on the lake- 5:30-7pm - Have nice dinner before heading home!**

(If interested in dinner at Audubon Center... please let us know to schedule reservation!)