

**Thursday Agenda (tentative)**  
**July 12, 18**

**2018 MNCTA Convention & Trade Show**  
**Happy Land Tree Farms & 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 Equipment Demo's**

- A. Mower comparisons- ?**
- B. Tree Spade & Tier demo- B & B operation.**
- C. Clearing Stumps –**
- D. Chima- Mist blower**

**OR**

**1:30-3:00 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)

**1:30-2:45 A. 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 J- BBQ sign up on form, please.**

Tentative Agenda  
Friday- July 13, 2018

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**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 Acres of trees

**1:30- 4:30** Walking Tour- Stump Culture- with Charlie Bork- demo

- Production- planning for future years.
- How to thin and select trees, properly shearing,
- 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!)**