

Tree Farm and Biomass Tour

**Monday March 5th, 2018
Sharon, CT**



*Connecticut Professional Timber
Producers Association*



2.0 CEUs

CT Certified Forest Practitioners
6.0 MA Harvester Credits

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Tree Farm Tour:

Tour a 140 acre Tree Farm with the owner and forester Jim Gillespie. Jim started this project in 1994 by implementing several clearcuts ranging from 4 to 35 acres totaling 100 acres. The hardwood regeneration that has grown in has created great stands of future growth. Be prepared for all possible weather conditions. This tour will be 3 hours long with discussions. A bagged lunch will be provided.

Tour A Woodchip Central Heating Facility:

Come take a tour of The Hotchkiss School Woodchip Central Heating Facility. This facility is the cornerstone of a holistic environmental initiative that pays close attention to how The Hotchkiss School uses and teaches about natural resources and ecological systems. Clean “Bole” chips are purchased locally from the forest product sector to provide the raw material for this facility. This is a great opportunity to see how sustainably managed forests and low grade material are utilized for green energy. This tour will be 1.5 hours long.

Program:

8:00 - 8:30 am Registration and refreshments

Tree Farm Tour:

8:30 - 9:00 am Introduction by Jim Gillespie

- ◆ Property ownership history.
- ◆ Forest management: Timber harvests; clearcuts; deer exclosures; wildlife habitat; young forest crop tree release; weedings and cleanings; invasive species control.
- ◆ Forest access: Permanent trails; forest roads; stream crossings.
- ◆ Cost share programs : CT DEEP – SIP; USDA NRCS – EQIP and WHIP.
- ◆ Abutting ownerships.
- ◆ Future: Permanent protection through conservation easements.

9:00 – 11:00 am Walking tour of forest

11:00 – 12:00 pm Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch and travel to Hotchkiss School Wood Energy Facility

Wood Chip Central Heating Facility Tour:

1:00 – 2:30 Tour of The Hotchkiss School Woodchip Central Heating Facility

Program Date and Time:

**Monday March 5th, 2018
8:00 am - 2:30 pm**

**Jim Gillespie Tree Farm Tour
72 Herb Road Sharon, CT
8:00 am—12:00 noon**

******Tour will start here. There is a limited amount of parking in the driveway of this property. Please arrive before 8:30 a.m. to facilitate the parking situation. The over flow parking should be at the State of CT Hiking Parking lot which is just north of the Gas Station found at the junction of RTs. 7 and 4. The parking lot is ON Route 7. This lot can hold 20 cars.

**Wood Chip Central Heating
Facility Tour
Hotchkiss School
11 Easy Street Lakeville, CT
1:00 - 2:30 pm**

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Registration Information:

Free for members of the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association. **\$25.00** for non-members.

Join or renew membership in the CT Professional Timber Producers and registration fee will be waived.

To join visit: www.timproct.org or call 860 948-0432 for an application.

**Registration forms must be received by
March 1st**

Make checks payable to:
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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

No. of people attending: _____

No. of people staying for lunch _____

For CEU Certificates
CT Certified Practitioner? ___yes ___no

**Further information contact:
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