

WHAT: Carolinas Chapter Meeting and Orchard Tour

WHERE: 72 Will Hill Road, Hendersonville, NC (south of Edneyville)

WHEN: Saturday, November 7th, 10:30 AM

We are excited to meet with you, tour the Carolinas Chapter Seed Orchard, and have a conversation with you about the many ways to get involved with The American Chestnut Foundation.

Agenda:

10:30-11:00 — meet and greet at the Pryor house

11:00-12:30 — tour the Carolinas Chapter seed orchard with Jon Taylor and discuss the future of the Carolinas Chapter breeding program and additional seed orchard volunteer opportunities.

12:30 – 1:00 — bag lunch at the Pryor home

1:00 -3:00 — Discuss further development of the Pryor seed orchard and opportunities for involvement in the TACF breeding program

Discussion topics where we need your input and thoughts on volunteering:

- Locating surviving American chestnuts/ collecting pure American germplasm
- Developing a pure American Conservation Orchard
- Presenting to groups and at ceremonial plantings of restoration chestnuts
- Maintaining the chestnut restoration planting at Nantahala National Forest this winter.
- Discussing how you want to be involved.

Bring your own lunch. Water and other beverages will be provided.

Dress appropriately for the weather and wear shoes appropriate for walking along a gravel drive and in a grassy orchard.

Transportation between the house and orchard will be provided for those who need assistance.

Directions from I-26 at Exit 49 below or use GPS to drive to the Pryor home.

Digital GPS coordinates for the house are 35.405393, -82.292868

From I-26 at Exit 49 travel east on US 64 for 6.9 miles.

Turn right onto Gilliam Mountain Road and continue 0.8 miles.

Turn left onto Bald Mountain Road and continue 2.0 miles.

Turn left onto Blythe Stepp Road and continue 0.6 miles. (Note: The turn is located in a curve, so look for oncoming traffic before turning.)

Turn left onto Will Hill Road and continue toward the Pryor Home located beyond the fenced orchard atop the hill. .

Park along the gravel drive and walk to the house.

RSVP or address questions to Doug Gillis at dgillis001@carolina.rr.com or at 704-542-0627