

Carolinas Chapter Meeting — November 15, 2014
Crowders Mountain State Park — 522 Park Office Lane, Kings Mountain, NC
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Meeting Agenda

Notes: Follow signage to the Welcome Center. The parking lot starts filling after 10:00 AM. Plan to arrive before 9:30 AM. Share rides to the Park if possible. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, water, soft drinks and snacks will be provided during the meeting.

1. Social Gathering 9:30 – 10:00 AM (sign in, obtain name tags, and greet other attendees)
2. Welcome (Doug Gillis- 15 minutes)
 - Recognition of attendees and guests
 - Recognition of State Park staff and review of meeting schedule
3. Engaging High School Students in Biotechnology Research — (90 minutes with introduction by Steve Barilovits)
 - Dr. Jennifer Weller, UNCC — Case Study: American Chestnut Genotyping
 - Jeanne Smith, Olympic High School, Charlotte — Benefits to Student Education
 - Jennifer Williams, Brevard High School — Service-Learning Opportunities with the American Chestnut Foundation, Springboard for Student Research Projects
 - Lab/Field/Orchard Learning Experiences (Students)
4. Lunch from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM and further socializing.
5. Overview of Chapter Breeding Programs (Dr. Paul Sisco, Steve Barilovits III, Dr. Joe James – 45 minutes)
 - Seed Orchard Development
 - Phytophthora Resistance at Chestnut Return Farms
6. Overview of Planting Efforts led by TACF's Science Coordinator (Tom Saielli – 30 minutes)
 - Graves Lines Plantings and Testing for Phytophthora Resistance
 - Progeny and Silviculture Test Plantings
7. Business Meeting start at 2:00 PM (Doug Gillis — 30 minutes)
 - Highlights of Chapter By-Laws Revisions.
 - Management Areas and the role of Coordinators to lead volunteer teams.
 - Creation of Sections within the Carolinas with Representative in lieu of Branches.
 - Three year Board Member terms with four elected each year in succession.
 - Opportunities to serve as Coordinators or in Management Areas.
8. Election of four Board members based of slate of candidates. (Election Committee — 15 minutes)
9. Other/new business (Doug Gillis — 15 minutes)
10. Adjournment

Note: There will be a brief Board of Director's Meeting at the conclusion of the Members meeting. It is open to others. (Doug Gillis)

The primary purpose of the Board meeting will be to recognize current officers, their terms of office, and to confirm officers.