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Greetings;

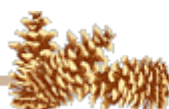
Hope that everyone has registered for the Tree Farm National Convention which is just around the corner. For those who have never been to the Tamaya- Hyatt Resort at Santa Ana Pueblo it's worth attending just to see how they have been able to blend a five-star resort into the landscape. There are many outdoor areas to sit and relax and enjoy the sweeping view of the Sandias. Walking paths wind through groves of cottonwood and take you down to the banks of the Rio Grande. Santa Ana Pueblo has done a lot of work to remove invasive species (Russian olive and Salt cedar) in their bosque to encourage the native cottonwood and other native species to predominate. Our bosques (Spanish for forest) are a unique feature to New Mexico and the Southwest and will be of interest to the hundreds of Tree Farmers from all parts of the nation who will attend. An advantage to being part of a national organization of forest landowners is learning about other states forests and ecology from foresters and landowners from those states. Hosting the convention on the banks of the Rio Grande bosque definitely highlights our uniqueness.

The field day at Starfire Day Camp in the Ponderosa pine forest of the Eastern Manzanos will show our guests from other states how extremely varied our forests are. Old growth Ponderosa pine shelter an understory of Ponderosa, Pinon and Juniper. Stihl will sponsor a lumberjack show that is always a big hit; there will be plenty of food, and many other exhibits and fun activities. Bring rain gear; it looks like we may be entering the monsoon season finally.

There will be arrangements made for New Mexico Tree Farmers who may want to only attend certain events so if you can't come out for the entire convention, let us know so we can get you in.

Hope to see you there!

Harry A. Morrison, Vice Chairman, NM Tree Farm Committee



**FROM THE CHAIRMAN:** Below is the tentative agenda and schedule of events for the National Tree Farmer Convention. Since we are hosting this convention with visitors from most of the states, I would like to see a good turnout of the New Mexico Tree Farmers to talk about our programs and activities. A large number of our committee members have put a lot of time in setting up the convention. They would like to see a good turn out as well. I encourage you to go to <http://www.treefarmssystem.org/> for more information and to register for the convention.

## **18th NATIONAL TREE FARMER CONVENTION**

### **DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**(Schedule is subject to change. Final schedules will be provided on site)**

#### **Tuesday, August 9**

7:30am – 5:00pm Optional Tour: More in Santa Fe: Eat, Dine, Shop  
8:00am – 11:00am Exhibit and Silent Auction Set-Up  
11:00am – 7:00pm Convention Registration Open  
4:30pm – 7:00pm Exhibit Area & Silent Auction Opens  
5:30pm – 7:00pm Kick-Off Reception in Exhibit Area  
8:00pm – 10:00pm Hospitality Suite Open, Sponsored by Outdoor Underwriters

#### **Wednesday, August 10**

7:30am – 8:45am Breakfast and Keynote Presentation  
7:45am – 5:00pm Youth Programming Begins  
9:00am – 3:40pm Concurrent Sessions  
12:00pm – 1:15pm Luncheon  
4:00pm – 5:00pm Regional Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Presentations, Sponsored by STIHL, Inc.  
6:30pm- 9:30pm Optional Event: Dinner at Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway  
8:30pm – 10:30pm Hospitality Suite Open, Sponsored by Outdoor Underwriters

#### **Thursday, August 11**

7:00am – 7:45am Breakfast at Hyatt Tamaya  
9:00am – 3:00pm Field Day at Starfire Tree Farm  
6:00pm – 7:30pm Reception – Final Silent Auction Bidding  
7:30pm – 9:30pm Awards Banquet  
Youth Banquet  
10pm - Midnight Hospitality Suite Open, Sponsored by Outdoor Underwriters

