

MCTA 2016 Summer Meeting

Kluck Nursery

Thursday, Aug 4 - Friday, Aug 5

1020 Van Wormer Rd.,
Saginaw, MI



Schedule

Thursday, Aug 4

7:30 am – **Registration and Exhibits Open, Continental Breakfast**

9:15 – 10:00 am – **Welcome, Christmas Tree Promotion Board Update** with Rex Korson and Chris Maciborski
NCTA Update with Justin Bartlett and Marsha Gray

10:00 am - **Kluck Nursery Tour** - Kluck Nursery is Saginaw Valley's largest retail plant center. You will be able to see a diverse line of nursery stock, including over 300 varieties of shade and ornamental trees, evergreens, broadleaf evergreens, shrubs, and perennials. Kluck also stocks a large supply of specialty

evergreens and topiaries. This tour will include demonstrations by exhibitors.

Wreath Room Tour – Enjoy a mini-tour of Kluck Nursery's wreath production room. Designed by Sally Kluck, attendees will learn how Sally and her wreath designers produce beautiful products for their customers.

10:30 – A second tour of **Kluck Nursery** Departs

12:00 noon – **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:45 - **Tours**

From start to finish... This tour will feature planting and site clean-up operations at Kluck Nursery. Topics and demonstrations will include cross check planting method, cover crop (grass) establishment,

herbicide plots, tree and stump removal along with an equipment display.

Wenzel Farm - This tour will feature Kluck's tree transplant area and a discuss their "treecycling" program. MSU Extension will provide an insect and disease update and review trial work using herbicides to stop cone development. You will also be able to view Kluck's shade tree production area along with the Saginaw Valley Rail to Trail path through their farm.

Auxiliary program – Photography on the Farm – discussion will include allowing professional photographers to use your farm for photo shoots, scheduling, fees and liability.

3:00 – 4:30 – Repeat of **From Start to Finish** and **Wenzel Farm Tours**

Auxiliary program – Designing with Fresh Greens – Get inspired by professional designs for wreaths, simple centerpieces and other Christmas greens designs.

4:30 pm – **Reception with Vendors**

6:00 pm – **Dinner and Awards**

Friday, Aug 5

7:30 am – **Registration and Exhibits Open, Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am – **Choose and Cut Christmas Tree Tour**
Klucks produce over 60,000 high quality Christmas trees on approximately 60 acres. This tour will visit their unique *traveling* Christmas tree village which features concession area, in-ground baler and shaker and family activities. Topics will also include: tagging, pruning trees, pay station, wreathes and much more!

Drones on the Farm - Unmanned aircraft systems (drones) have the potential to make significant contributions to sustainable agriculture. Often you find a lot of confusing and conflicting information. Dr. Robert Goodwin, GIS & Remote Sensing Analyst with MSU will discuss drone use along with potential opportunities and challenges in Christmas tree and nursery production.

11:00 am – **Repeat Choose & Cut Tour and Drones on the Farm.**

12:30 pm – **Lunch**

1:30 pm – **Program Concludes, Depart for Golf**

2016 Golf Outing

Valley View Farm Golf Course



9 Holes of Golf with Cart,
Refreshments, Prizes

Tee Times Starting at 2:00 pm

\$25 per golfer

Preview the course at:
www.valleyviewfarmgolf.com

Hotel Accommodations

Ramada
Saginaw Hotel & Suites
3325 Davenport Ave., Saginaw, MI

989.793.7900
\$57 – King Room
\$74 – Double Queen
\$90 – Suite

*Please mention Michigan Christmas Tree Association to receive this discounted rate.
Reservations must be made by July 3 to guarantee this rate*