



# Meeting Agenda – Boone United Methodist Church, Boone

*\*This agenda is subject to change*

## Thursday, February 22, 2024

8:00am-9:00am	<b>NCCTA Joint Board of Directors &amp; Fraser Fir Promotional Committee Meeting (Room #125)</b>
9:00am	Registration opens/Visit with Exhibitors/Coffee with Exhibitors
9:30am	Welcome and Early Registration Cash Prize ( <i>Name Drawn must be present to win</i> ) (chapel)
9:35am	<b>The current state of Phytophthora root rot in Western NC Christmas trees – Caleb Cothron, Caleb Cothron, CTG Program MS Student, NC State University (chapel)</b>
10:05am	<b>Current and Future Challenges for Phytophthora Root Rot management on Fraser Fir – Dr. Justin Whitehill, CTG Program Director and Assistant Professor (chapel)</b>
10:35am	<b>Looking Forward with the Real Christmas Tree Board – Marsha Gray, Executive Director, Real Christmas Tree Board (chapel)</b>
11:15am	<b>Heat exposure/ awareness - Andy Sterlen, NC Department of Labor</b>
11:50	Presentation of Awards
12:00pm	Announcements/Benediction
12:00pm	Lunch/Visit with Exhibitors (Family Life Center/Gym)
1:00-2:45pm	<b>Ag Farm Labor: H2-A &amp; AEWB Regulations – US Dept. of Labor, NC Dept of Labor, NC Dept of Commerce</b>
2:45-3:25pm	Visit With Exhibitors/Refreshment Break (Family Life Center/Gym)
3:30-4:30pm	<b>Break-out Sessions: Major Grower (chapel), Wholesalers/Retailers (sanctuary), Choose &amp; Cut (Room #125), Allied Businesses (Family Life Center/Gym)</b>
4:30pm	Adjourn
5:30pm	Social: The Apple Barn @ Valle Crucis Conference Center – Live music and dinner

## Friday, February 23, 2024

8:30am	Registration Opens/Coffee with Exhibitors
9:00am	<b>2024 EHS research plans: Nitrogen and Acetamiprid – Dr. Jamie Bookwalter (chapel) <i>*pesticide credits</i></b>
9:45am	<b>Chemical usage/ HAZCOM – Andy Sterlen, NC Department of Labor</b>
10:25am	Visit With Exhibitors/Refreshment Break (Family Life Center/Gym)
11:00am	<b>NCCTA Business Meeting (chapel)</b>
12:00pm	Lunch/Visit with Exhibitors – Vendor Raffle drawings (Family Life Center/Gym)
1:00pm	Raffle Drawing – Solo Fire Pit and Wine Cooler (Family Life Center/Gym)
1:15pm	<b>NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission Agricultural Leadership Development Program</b>
1:45pm	<b>Herbicide Tolerant Weeds – Continued Search for Ragweed Control Solutions – Dr. Joe Neal (chapel) <i>*pesticide credits</i></b>
2:45pm	Adjourn