Lewis Brothers Tree Farm & Landscaping + The Reynolds’ tree farm.

- The Lewis Brothers business was started as a Christmas tree farm and has evolved to a wide range of oak, maple, elm, birch, beech and several other species. We’ll learn about the source of their stock, how they plant and design their blocks, how they maintain the plantings, their markets, and how they harvest, as well as any other interests people have.

- The Reynolds’ tree farm was first planted by Jim Reynolds 30 years ago with walnut, oak, poplar and pine, all from the state nursery. The first years were hot and dry resulting in quite a bit of die-off so there has been much re-planting. Since the original planting more species have been added including cherry, hackberry, northern pecan, shagbark hickory and sugar maples. The majority of this stand is in CRP so there will be some Mid-Contract Maintenance within the next few years. District Foresters Mark Vitosh and David Bridges will be providing information about forest health and Mid-Contract Maintenance on existing CRP tree plantings, plus any other topics participants wish to pursue.

Schedule:

8:30-9:00  Meet at the Reynolds’ property (3681 Baxter Ave. SW, Oxford, IA)  Sign in, coffee, donuts (outhouse available)
  - From Iowa City, take I-80 to exit 230, turn L on Blackhawk, R on 360th, L on Baxter Ave.
  - We’ll carpool to Lewis Brother’s, about a 10 minute drive

9:15-10:15  Tour of Lewis Brother’s Tree Farm and Landscaping
  - http://lewistreefarm.com/
  - There will be some walking but it’s not strenuous.

10:30-12:00  Tour of Reynolds’ property
  - More walking, but not strenuous.

12:00-1:00 (about) Lunch at Myer’s Grill in Williamsburg
  - https://www.facebook.com/MyersGrill1/

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