

## Directions to the Meeting

The Park entrance is at 2832 Big Woods Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514

From Pittsboro or Apex, take US 64 to Big Woods Road. This is the first PAVED road on the WESTERN side of Jordan Lake. Drive north about 3 miles to the brown state forest sign and turn right toward the lake. We will meet in the Sam Adams Center.

From Fearington Village, go east on Jack Bennett Road 2.4 miles to Big Woods Rd. Then south 3.5 miles to brown sign.



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THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT FOUNDATION

## *Annual Meeting Announcement*

Visitor Center  
**Jordan Lake Educational  
State Forest**  
Near Pittsboro, NC

**Saturday August 18**  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### **Keynote Speakers:**

Paul Sisco and Steve  
Barilovits

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The Carolinas Chapter Breeding Program and  
Restoration Chestnuts

The breeding program of The American Chestnut Foundation® (TACF®) has reached a critical stage. The Carolinas Chapter has established its seed orchard for high-mountain-adapted chestnut trees, and the Virginia Research Farms of TACF are sending out the first Restoration I.0 chestnut seeds and seedlings for testing over a wide area. How much blight resistance can we expect these Restoration I.0 chestnut trees to have and how well-adapted will they be to our conditions in North and South Carolina?

Besides chestnut blight, the Piedmont and Coastal Plain of the Carolinas are infested with *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, a root-rot pathogen that is lethal to American chestnut trees. Luckily Chinese and Japanese chestnut species are resistant to *Phytophthora* root rot. One of our Carolinas members, Dr. Joseph B. James of Seneca, SC, has chosen to tackle this disease problem in collaboration with scientists at Clemson University. We will discuss the progress Dr. James and his colleagues have made in breeding American-type chestnut trees resistant to both chestnut blight and *Phytophthora* root rot.

Come join us for our very first chapter meeting in the Research Triangle Area.

## Registration and Fees

We are requesting \$5 per person to cover the cost of the building rental. There is no charge for students. We will order carry-out sandwiches from a Pittsboro Subway Shop, with each person paying for his or her own order.

### For more information:

**Web:** [carolinas-tacf.org](http://carolinas-tacf.org)

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## Hiking

Members can hike on “Talking Tree Trails” at the Educational State Forest. No swimming is available, however.

## Agenda

**Welcome & Registration:** 10:00 a.m.

**Paul Sisco, President**

**Keynote Address:** 10:15 a.m.

**Paul Sisco and Steve Barilovits**

**“The Carolinas Chapter Breeding Program and Restoration Chestnuts”**

**Lunch:** 12:00 noon

**Member sharing during lunch**

**Chapter Business Report:** 1:00 p.m.

**Paul Sisco, President**

**Election of Board Members:** 1:20 p.m.

**Steve Barilovits**

**Introduction to Jordan Lake and North Carolinas’ Educational State Forests:** 1:30 p.m.

**Invited speakers**

**Adjourn** 2:00 p.m.

**Go Hiking!**