NJ Division SAF Activities

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NJD-SAF Sample of Public Appearances in 2012

May 5, 2012 — NJD-SAF co-sponsored the Fall Stewardship Tour with Rutgers Extension to the Charlie and Bru Katzenbach’s Sweet Sourland Farm near Hopewell, NJ.

- Twenty-six, 5-person high school teams stopped at each station.
- Princeton High School Team #2 won the Forestry Competition.
- Marine Academy of Technology & Environmental Science Team #1 of Stafford, NJ won the entire Envirothon.

May 12, 2012 — NJD SAF co-sponsored the Spring Stewardship Tour with Rutgers Extension to the Evergreen Valley Christmas Tree Farm near Washington, NJ.

The Alpaugh Family owns and operates the 145 acre “choose and cut” farm with over 10,000 trees to choose. Andy and his father Les Alpaugh are SAF members. The tour featured pesticide safety procedures, weed and insect control, deer fencing challenges, shearing, sale of balled and burlapped trees, the trials of meeting government bridge building permit requirements, riparian management, a wagon tour, special tree management vehicles, and a new Howey Christmas Tree Baler that nets trees for the buyer to transport home. Lunch was served by the Howling Dog Caterers who featured hot chili, meals, plus hot and cold sandwiches from their food wagon.

September 8, 2012 — NJD-SAF co-sponsored the Fall Stewardship Tour with Rutgers Extension to the Charlie and Bru Katzenbach’s Sweet Sourland Farm near Hopewell, NJ.

The tour featured maple sugaring operations, including the plastic pipeline system, vacuum system, Sugar House and evaporator, reverse osmosis and sanitation procedures. The day included the plantation of Cornell-produced sweeter sugar maple saplings, operation and maintenance of their Hud-Son sawmill, harvesting their mature white pine plantation, and Charlie’s display of his art, the cabinetry shop and pottery making equipment. The lunch was prepared by the Blue Moon Caterers of Hopewell.

September 16 & 17, 2012 — the NJD-SAF co-sponsored a booth with the NJ Forestry Association and led tree ID walks at the Wild Expo at Colliers Mill Wildlife Management Area.

About 7,000 attended the popular 2-day event. The Expo helps people connect with the natural world by providing a unique blend of conservation information, education and hands-on opportunities to learn outdoor skills and activities.