



The Ruffed Grouse Society
announces the
34th Annual Charles E. Bechtel Chapter Field Day
Reading, Pennsylvania
Saturday – April 14, 2018
at
State Game Lands 110
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Join the Charles E. Bechtel Chapter on Pennsylvania State Game Lands 110 on April 14, 2018, for an educational workday. We will be joining with the Southeast region staff of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

The day will start with a welcome and refreshments at 9:00 in the parking lot at the top of the Blue Mountain adjacent to PA Route 183. You will be greeted by Bechtel Chapter staff and discuss the latest chapter news and information on the Grouse Society.

We will then have Randy Bauman, SE Regional Forester discuss the day's activities. Then we will change our location to a new clear cut along the top of the mountain. There we will hear more information about integrated timber sales, prescribed burns, seedling planting, and seeding of herbaceous plants into our grouse habitat management. Randy will also give a historical overview of the site to show how this area was historically good grouse habitat, what went wrong in the past, and how our current management is aimed at getting back to better grouse habitat.

The PGC has procured 1,000 pitch pine seedlings and 300 scrub oak seedlings to be planted in the clear cut. Our project is to get them planted. I am told that the soil in this clearing is as good as it gets for the Blue Mountain so bring your spade shovels as we should be able to plant the seedlings in good time. *Be sure to wear sturdy boots and have a pair of work gloves.*

At around 12:00 we will break for lunch that will be provided by RGS Chapter staff.

After lunch, we will finish planting the seedlings, if we have not completed that task already. Mr. Bauman will continue his discussion and we will visit various sites to see some of the great work the Commission has completed in the area and look at some of the areas we viewed last year. There will also be numerous members of the SE Region staff available to question about their efforts to improve habitat, work with numerous game species and available areas to hunt.

We will wrap up the day around 2:30 with a group discussion on the day's activities and final question of our hosts.

Remember, our activities will take us over logging roads. We will do our best to car pool from the 183 parking lot so that travel will be in SUV's or all-wheel drive vehicles. We will be traveling beyond locked gates so the group will also need to stick together.

Directions: You can access the Game Lands 110 parking lot from Route 183 approximately 2.8 miles north of its intersection with Route 78.



REGISTRATION

In order to meet your needs for the day, you must register.

Complete the registration form and mail it to John C. Cave, 1220 Milestone Road, Robesonia, PA 19551 or send an email to cavescorner@comcast.net by APRIL 10.

Name _____ Number in Party _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____