

## 2024 Joint NNGA/CGA Conference Registration Form

The 2024 Joint Conference of the Northern Nut Growers Association (NNGA) and the Chestnut Growers of America (CGA) will be held July 21 – 24, 2024 at the Collegian Hotel and Suites in Syracuse, New York 13210. To register, complete this form with payment to the Northern Nut Growers Association, and send it to Debbie Milks, PO Box 1166, Lawrence, KS 66044. Register by June 15 to avoid the \$50 late fee. To download and print additional copies of this form or to register online, use the links on the NNGA website (nutgrowing.org) or the CGA website (chestnutgrowers.org).

### Who is this registration for?

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) for your name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization for your name tag (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Type and Options

\_\_\_\_\_ Full \$245/person before June 15 (after June 15 add \$50 late fee below)  
Full registration includes program packet, printed program with session abstracts; favor; Sunday's welcome dinner and Show and Tell; Monday's sessions, lunch, breaks, and auction; Tuesday's sessions, lunch, breaks and social/banquet; and Wednesday's ESF tours.

\_\_\_\_\_ Companion \$110/adult or child before June 15 (after June 15 add \$50 late fee below)  
Companion registration includes program packet; printed program; favor; Sunday's welcome dinner and Show and Tell; Monday's auction; Tuesday's social/ banquet; and Wednesday's ESF tours. **Costs for admission fees and lunch on Monday or Tuesday are not included because these programs are still to be determined.**  
List name(s) of accompanying children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$145/student before June 15 (after June 15 add \$50 late fee below)  
Student registration includes the same as a full registration: Enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_  
One Day Student Registrations are \$50/person on Sunday or \$75/person Monday or Tuesday (banquet not incl.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor Table \$50/6' table w/o conference registration, \$25/table w/ conference registration  
Tables will be provided, limit of 2 tables per exhibitor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Off Site Field Tours Add \$20 if joining the Z's Nutty Ridge, \$20 if joining the Finger Lakes Nut Farm or \$30 if joining the Black Squirrel Farms tour. SUNY ESF tours included in full and companion registrations.

\_\_\_\_\_ One Day Registration (if more than one day, please complete a full registration)  
\$50 Sunday \$110 Monday (Technical) \$110 Tuesday (Technical w/o banquet) \$25 Wednesday (AM tour)

\_\_\_\_\_ Extra Banquet Tickets Add \$45/person. Ticket(s) for (name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **For registration after June 15, add \$50 to full, companion, student full conference registration.** Conference organizers start making non-refundable commitments to vendors after June 15 based on expected attendance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary Donation / Sponsorship: Any amount is welcome. Donations above \$100 are considered a conference sponsorship. Sponsors will be recognized at the conference and in *The Nutshell*.  
Sponsorships thresholds: Tree (\$500) Sapling (\$200) Seedling (\$100) Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member Discount (subtract \$10 if you are a NNGA, CGA, or NYNGA member and circle which one(s))**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total for Registration and Other Options

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**Multi-person registration:** If registering more than one person, what tickets are you purchasing for whom?

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**Restrictions:** Please list any dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc.) you have. We want to accommodate your needs:

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**Accessibility:** Activities may require attendees to stand for 20 minutes or more, walk short or moderate distances, and sit in classroom chairs for periods of up to 60 minutes or more. We recognize not all attendees are comfortable or able to complete these tasks without assistance. If you will need assistance with any of these activities, please list here so we are prepared to accommodate your needs:

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**Volunteering:** Are you willing to volunteer during the conference? We need help with activities like check-in, hospitality, monitoring display/exhibit area, session moderators, bringing homemade snacks, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:** For the Wednesday field tours you will be asked to drive your own vehicle or arrange to carpool with someone going the same offsite field tour you choose. If flying, plan to fly into the Syracuse Hancock International Airport (8 miles from the hotel) and take the shuttle to the Collegian Hotel and Suites. The Collegian Hotel also offers a free shuttle from the AMTRAK station (3 miles from the hotel) when arranged with the front desk.

**Field Tour Preference:** The Wednesday morning tours of the SUNY-ESF laboratories and the chestnut research farm are included in the full, companion, student or exhibitor registration. The afternoon off-site field tours are separate tickets. Choose one of the following offsite field tours: [Z's Nutty Ridge \(5296 Town Line Road, McGraw, NY; https://znutty.com/\)](https://znutty.com/) to see their hazel/chestnut orchards and seedling nursery; [Finger Lakes Nut Farm \(5287 Booth Hill Road, Locke, NY; https://www.fingerlakesnutfarm.com/\)](https://www.fingerlakesnutfarm.com/) to dig into the operational details of a producing orchard of cold hardy Chinese/Chinese hybrid chestnuts for zone 5b; or [Black Squirrel Farms \(590 State Route 14, Penn Yan, NY; https://www.blacksquirrelfarms.net/\)](https://www.blacksquirrelfarms.net/) to participate in a tree to table black walnut experience.

**Housing** – All indoor activities will be held in The Collegian Hotel & Suites, 1060 E Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13210. A group rate for accommodations is available at the hotel. The group rate (single or double occupancy) is \$115 plus 15% taxes per night. To book, use this link: <https://bit.ly/grouprate2024> with the block code 072124NOR. Book as early as possible; the block of reserved rooms expires on July 5th.

Please share some information about you and your interests with us!  
*Is this your first NNGA/CGA conference you have attended?*     Yes     No

*What is your principal background and interest in nut trees?"*

Grower – Commercial Production                       Grower -- Hobbyist                       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Research – Academia, Natural Resources                       Consumer – Marketing, nutrition, uses,

*Which tree crops are you most interested in (select up to three)?*

Chestnut                       Hazelnut                       Pecan                       Other hickories                       Chinquapin  
 Black walnut                       Butternut                       Heartnut                       Persian walnut                       Nut pines  
 Pawpaw                       Persimmon                       Low tannin oaks                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Which nut culture topics most interest you (select up to three)? Will help the Publications Editor choose content.*

Orchard Establishment – site selection, site preparation, planting designs, planting stock, weed control  
 Vegetative Propagation – tissue culturing, budding, grafting, rooting cuttings  
 Cultivar Selection – genetics, breeding, nut evaluation  
 Damaging agents – insects, diseases, herbicide injury, climate change, squirrels, deer  
 Orchard Management – pruning, thinning, fertilization, cover crops, etc  
 Harvesting and Processing – nut harvesting equipment, nut crackers, oil extraction  
 Marketing – On-line sales, farmer markets,

Send completed form with payment to:  
Debbie Milks, PO Box 1166, Lawrence, KS 66044  
Make checks payable to the Northern Nut Growers Association  
If you have questions or want to check on cost or status of your registration, please call or email:  
Debbie Milks at 785-766-8849, [milkdeb@gmail.com](mailto:milkdeb@gmail.com)