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Celebrating 15 Years of TSP at Nine Mile Farm

Workshop Dates: Nov. 2-4, Property Open from Nov. 1-5 - Cost \$600.00 – \$200.00 Deposit and \$400.00 Due on Arrival by Cash or Check. I really, and I mean really, prefer cash. I will also accept Bitcoin for the balance due.

Payment Instructions: Please do not bring me or other staff your signed waiver and money when you arrive. Hold onto it; we will take payment and waivers on Thursday morning during breakfast and the event briefing. Dorothy and other staff members will handle this all at once.

Thursday - 11-2-23

- Breakfast - 09:00-10:00
 - Winter Garden Prep 10:00-12:30 (Hands On)
- Lunch 1230-1330
 - 13:45-14:45 - Shawn Mills on Low Cost Off Grid Housing
 - 15:00-16:00 - Joel Ryals - Building a Niche Business
 - 16:15 - 17:15 - John Pugliano - Structural Shifts in the Economy
 - Open Time 17:30-19:00
- Dinner 19:00-20:00

Friday - 11-3-23

- Breakfast - 09:00-10:00
 - Composting Work Shop 10:00-12:30 (Hands On)
- Lunch 12:30-13:30
 - Shawn Mills - Off Grid Housing Open Discussion - 13:45 - 14:45
 - CJ Kilmer - The Current Dark Age - 15:00 - 16:00
 - Panel Discussion - 16:15 - 17:15
 - Open Time - 17:30-18:30
- Dinner - 19:00-20:00

Saturday - 11-4-23

- Breakfast - 09:00-10:00
 - Biochar Production and Prep 10:00-12:30 (Hands On)
- Lunch 1230-13:30
 - 13:45-14:45 - Nick Ferguson - Practical Fodder Systems
 - 15:00-16:00 - Matt Powers - Soil Science for the Every Day Person
 - 16:15 - 17:15 - Steven Risner - Natural Farming
 - Open Time 17:30-19:00
- Dinner 19:00-20:00

Sunday

- Breakfast - 9:00 AM – Coffee, breakfast bars, and leftovers put out.
- Departure - 10:30 AM - Goodbyes please consider helping us pick up before you go. (all guests to depart by 10:30 AM)

Accommodations and Camping

- There are local hotels within 15 minutes of our property; we are getting a group rate, details to follow after you reserve space.
- We have large steel frame buildings with large bay doors that open for a breeze. If you want to bring a cot or such and claim a spot inside for sleeping, space is unreserved and first come first serve, no reservations necessary. No charge. This building does usually fill up so you should get here early Wednesday if you want a spot.
- If you want to tent camp on the property, space is first come first serve, no reservations needed. No charge. We will let you know what areas are open for this though.
- We have about 8 locations with trees suitable for those that want to hammock camp, first come first served. We have never had a space issue for hammock campers.

NO RVs AND NO TRAILERS OF ANY KIND ON PROPERTY AT ALL NO EXCEPTIONS.

There is a nearby RV Park if you want to sleep in your RV. No Exceptions to this rule.

What to Bring

- The menu may be slightly changed but you can bet it will be very meat centric. Likely items include eggs, bacon, sausage, etc. If you require food other than what we are serving you will have to provide it yourself. You can find the [published menu here](#).
- If you bring food for sharing, that is fine but we are not likely to be able to cook it, you will have to see to it in your downtime. So, it is generally discouraged. The best sharing stuff is something that is pre-prepared. We put a lot of thought into our menus so please realize what seems like it might be helpful can actually be disruptive to our planning process.
- We allow adult beverages; an assortment will be provided but bringing some of your own and sharing is appreciated.

- A water bottle or camelback, we will keep water available 24/7 but it is up to you to drink it.
- Anything you want that you don't see listed as something we provide.
- Bring your cameras still or video there is no restriction on recording the event.
- Seeds/Plants/Cuttings to exchange with others
- Items for trade or sale (barter blanket) - See full description of the barter blanket below, this is always a HUGE HIT so you will want to participate.
- A notebook, pens, pencils, etc.

Rules – Just a Few

- Firearms: We believe in both freedom and safety. Alcohol and guns don't mix; please do not handle guns once you choose to have any adult beverages. You may carry concealed in Texas with an appropriate carry permit and we don't object to that. If folks want to do a weapon show and tell during downtime with others, fine, just do so with some common sense and be safe. Please don't do anything that passing traffic or neighbors might see as brandishing, use your common sense.
- Alcohol: In the interest of both safety and productivity we ask that all adult beverages be reserved until any hands-on workshops are completed for the day. We won't rigorously enforce this but anyone appearing even remotely under the influence will not be permitted to be part of the hands-on portions of any workshop activities given the safety considerations to themselves and others. No drinking at all is allowed when working around the tools or equipment; once you pop a top you are done working with anything mechanical or electrical for the day.
- House Access: Please consider the inside of our home off limits unless you are specifically invited in by one of us.
- Facilities: We have two outdoor shower tents with on-demand hot water heaters. We also have porta-jons for biological needs. This year we have more porta-jons and fewer students so that should be nice.
- Behavior: Disruptive and Argumentative Behavior or Odd Behavior that Makes Others Uncomfortable - Given the community around TSP this is likely not even a concern but just to be sure. Anyone being obnoxious to other guests, causing an outburst, etc, will be put off property in about a New York second. This has happened exactly one time in 15 years and a total of 30 events.
- Litter and Trash: We will provide garbage facilities, use them or you will be sent packing. Pick up after yourself please while on our property, we would certainly do

the same for you. Anyone putting garbage into a can lacking a garbage bag will be mocked and forced to scrub it out.

- Respect for the neighbors: We only have two families close to us. They are great folks and supportive of what we do. They are on the far east and far west property lines. So, we ask that you please confine evening social activities to the area behind our home in the center of our property, just out of respect for their privacy.
- Smoking: If you gotta do it you gotta do it. There is to be absolutely no smoking in our house or in our buildings. We will have a dedicated smoking area for such use. Please police up all butts and other cigarette-related garbage. We believe BOTH in your freedom to smoke and in the freedom of others not to breathe it in second hand as well. Also, police up your butts, thank you.

Barter Blanket – Please Read

The Barter Blanket is one of the coolest things we do and a huge fun hit with students. It works like this:

We lay a blanket down at the campfire or in the main building if it is raining. One person lays down an item for trade and describes it and what makes it cool or desirable. Any other participant now can lay down any item to trade for it or any group of items.

We wait long enough that anyone who wants to “bid” with an offer has a chance. The person who laid down the first item can then accept any offer or decline them and remove his item. If the offers are declined the blanket is “open” so that anyone can lay down a new item. If an offer is accepted the person who won the trade is granted the blanket. He/She can now put something down for trade, including the item just won if desired. If the winner doesn’t want to lay an item down they simply declare the blanket open and we proceed from there.

Any item or group of items can be traded and it is smart to be creative. Some people last time offered consultations for example, some used money, some silver, and some offered things like a place to stay, a promise of work, or even a hunting trip at their property.

I put the effort into describing this because one time many were disappointed that they didn’t realize how awesome this event is and didn’t bring much to trade. I have to say everyone involved had a blast; lots of good deals went down. People joked with each other, and everyone had a great laugh.

Given this was something my late friend Ron Hood taught me, we ended it last time with passing a bottle of Ron’s favorite gin around for a small nip in his honor.

Odds and Ends

- We are not responsible for your personal safety beyond reasonable measures. We will have a safety briefing at the kickoff of the event and anyone behaving recklessly will be asked to leave but in the end, you are responsible for yourself and your own personal safety.
- The schedule isn't set in stone. This document may be updated and resent to all registered students prior to the event.

Location: Our property is located at 7190 Nine Mile Bridge Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76135. This isn't a huge secret but please don't share our address publicly, it is given on a need-to-know basis only.

While our address is technically Ft. Worth it is really an unincorporated area near Azle, Texas you should be able to drop the address into Google Maps and get directions from wherever you are driving in from. If you have any questions or need help with directions just use the contact info below.

Arrival and Parking:

When you are close to our property, say 5 minutes out, call one of our friendly Parking Nazis. They are strict but nice guys. Let them know if you are parking for the entire event or if you need in and out access. Also, let them know what you are driving. They will direct you as to which gate to go to and have someone meet you and instruct you where to park. We stack a ton of folks in so please park exactly where they tell you. We call them Parking Nazis for a reason! Call either of the two parking Nazis and they will hook you right up.

- Parking Nazi Line One: 877-251-2870
- Parking Nazi Line Two: 877-644-1345

Do not Disobey the Parking Nazis.

Alerts, Announcements, and More: I really recommend you get the telegram app (<https://telegram.org/>) if you don't have it already. I will be sending any mass announcements about updates, etc. for the workshop to the Event Telegram Channel. A Channel on Telegram is one way only. This means you will only get alerts from me not lots of notices like in a group. This channel is separate from the General TSP Channel and is for event information only.

It will be used both before the event for important updates and during the event to announce the beginning of sessions, mealtimes, changes, etc. The event announcement channel is at <https://t.me/tspworkshops>

We also have a TSP Workshops Telegram Group, this means anyone who is a member can post to it. If you join that group you can talk to anyone who is on it. This link is only given to attendees and prior attendees. It is a network within a network, a secret club only for TSP Workshop Alumni <https://t.me/tspcworkgroup>

These Telegram Groups are pretty important. You really should get on them.

REMINDER: Make sure you have read this document in full and be sure to print out and sign the last page. I really wish such wasn't necessary but in our current lawyer-infested society this is necessary.

If you need anything for any reason call me I am happy to help.
My contact info is:

- Email: jack@thesurvivalpodcast.com
- Cell Phone: 972-249-5555

If you can't reach me you can also contact Dorothy at:

- Email: spirkod@yahoo.com
- Phone: 817-343-0493

Getting Here - Again just drop our address into Google Maps or your GPS. It is 7190 Nine Mile Bridge Road, Fort Worth, TX 76135. - [Google Maps Link](#)

Do be careful that your GPS does not auto complete the incorrect road name. There are some similar roads around here, such as Nine Mile Azle, Ten Mile Bridge etc. None will get you to our location.

Our house has a huge 3 bay garage. We have two gates one right in front of the house. The second is just to the west in our "west pasture". Again call the parking nazis and they will direct to the proper gate. We will likely have some Christmas lights on the gate to help those arriving after dark find the right one.

I can't wait to see all of you this should be a really enjoyable event and I will do my very best to teach you everything you want to learn while you are here.

Jack

Signature and Safety Waiver

Please print out and sign this page of this document to the event with you.

I, _____, understand I am responsible for my own personal safety at this event. Working with garden tools and around heavy equipment has risks that I fully accept are my personal responsibility.

I have read all the pages of the event agreement and fully understand them. I intend to comply with all the rules set forth and understand failing to do so may result in being asked to leave the event.

I agree to hold Jack and Dorothy Spirko, their employees, contractors and guests, Nine Mile Farm and The Survival Podcast harmless for any injury I might sustain at this event.

Signature of Attendee

Date