

## 12-2-08 Agenda

**Wooohoooo!!** Well, everyone... it seems **we had a successful event once again!** Even with rain forecasted and a wavering economy, we had comparable numbers and profits to last year. This says a lot for the cause and the support it garners! Not only did we continue to get awareness out, act as a central networking event, gain the support & ramped up participation from more concerned/organized groups and individuals for next year, and raise money to help the hemlocks.. but we also had a great time doing it!

We will have better figures after our meeting on Tuesday, but it is safe to say that **we should have around \$15,000 this year to put directly into the hemlock effort!** Part of the meeting will be discussing exactly how to best apply these funds based on Ga. beetle lab needs and other ideas to directly effect the positive outcome of our Hemlock saving efforts.

**A big Thank you to all who had part in this years effort,** from sponsors to volunteers, educators to participants, to those who simply spread the word. It is paying off! We are gaining in public awareness and addressing of the hemlock woolly adelgid issue! Let's keep going! The hemlocks continue to need our help!. Time is a crucial factor in our efforts and the lives of our all-too-important hemlock trees!

### Meeting Agenda:

- ~Discussion of current financial status
- ~Discussion of YHC and NGCSU beetle lab needs
- ~Discussion & vote on how to divide/apply the funds raised at this year's HemlockFest
- ~Discussion of how next year's funds may be best applied so written materials can accurately reflect intentions
- ~Thoughts/ideas and discussion on this year's HemlockFest and ways to make next year's even better!

As a side note: LC is growing in participation with the hemlock issue. Forty-three hard working "coalitioners" came to the after- fest potluck meeting which continued the tradition of outstanding food, drink, company, and cause that keep us on course and having fun:-)

Hope to see you Tuesday with ideas in hand:-)

So the hemlocks may live...

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