

## 3-3-09 Meeting Agenda

- ✳ **Establish volunteers for Bear on the Square Festival, April 18-19** – They have asked to borrow some of our tents. Our policy allows lending our tents only if we are able to put them up and take them down ourselves due to their fragility and short life spans. They would also like our help again putting up and taking down signs; and they have invited us to once again have an exhibit in the park. This year there will not be a charge for getting into the park, only into the main music tent, so there should be much more opportunity to interact with the crowd.
  - ✳ **Establish volunteers for Captain Planet Earth Day Kid's Festival at Chattahoochee Nature Center on April 18** – We want to have our exhibit there; hopefully, Henning has our second exhibit board that he made for us. In addition this festival also requires a project for about 150 or so kids. I suggest Hemlock saplings to be planted in personalized containers, if our Hemlock sapling supplier thinks this is a doable concept :-)
  - ✳ **Presentation of the Pod system (by Basil) and discussion/adoption/implementation** -- "FoPod" is the adopted term that describes something similar to a committee leader or coordinator for a focused effort, but is different in its nature by way of the LC manner. A FoPod takes full responsibility for seeing a project or objective through and can work alone or gather help, possibly establishing a cohesive and consistent effort in what may be referred to as pods or podlets which he/she can help coordinate/give direction to :-)
  - ✳ **Establish HemlockFest food FoPod and discuss suggestions** -- Discussion items may include compostware, encouraging the use of personal dishes, setting up a dish washing station, handling of food vendor money, handling of meal tickets, etc.
  - ✳ **Receive update from PLAT (Private Landowners Assistance Team)** -- Report will include postcard mailers sent out, incoming calls and on-site visits to homeowners, press release in Dahlonga Nugget and other publicity, informational materials developed, receipt of soil injectors, plans for public Hemlock clinics, and Arbor Day donation of Hemlocks to city (to be planted at YCTC pavilion in late March).
- Click here for a copy of the [Feb. 25 press release](#). Please circulate it to any lists, interested groups, newsletters, publications, or local papers that you have connection with. The PLAT-a-pod has been working very hard to bring this together, and it is happening! A major thanks to all of you podlets!
- ✳ **Establish FoPod for water monitoring initiative** -- Discussion will cover current status, level of interest in project, and how to coordinate with PLAT initiative.
  - ✳ **Receive update on education program for kids** -- Judy Toppins and/or Murray Lamb will present.

It would be very nice to keep this meeting to one hour. Even with continued discussion, I would like to be walking out the door by 8:30 p.m. if possible. We have a lot to cover, so let's stay on target. It may help to arrive a little early to order food and drink so we can get a good strong start at 7:00 p.m. Thanks and looking forward to it!

So the hemlocks may live...

Forest Hilyer