

Meeting Date
Tuesday, Oct.23
5:30pm

@ Starbridge Sanctuary (the venue)

(hwy115 toward Cleveland. Starbridge rd on left about one mile from Long Branch/Coppermine/hwy52/115 intersection. Go straight back, through gate, to field. Lake will be visible.)

~We will order Pizzas (a \$5 donation is suggested if you are able). Remember to bring your own beverage/s of choice.~

Hey Coalitioners!

The **Table tents** are in! If you know anywhere that will place them on tables or on counters.. please pick them up at the Welcome Center in Dahlonega. It seems we are out of available posters.. unless someone is harboring them in their vehicle or home. I hope this means we have painted Ga. and the surrounding states with nearly 1000 posters! We do have rack cards left.. so let's get them out any chance we get (also available at Welcome Center)!

We are on our way full speed ahead! Getting it done!

Announcements/Comments:

~Thanks to **Elvin Hilyer** and **Joe Adams** (and fam) for organizing a **fantastic River Clean-up** and thanks to all who participated (40). This effort is a part of a Rivers Alive initiative and we got an estimated 1,800lbs of trash off our river banks and out of our rivers! Joe had a separate event the weekend before ours and had 22 participants collecting an estimated 1,500lbs of trash! A total of 25 tires and est. 3,300lbs of trash from both events!

~Thank you to **Amanda Rose** for hosting an open house at the NGU Beetle Lab!

~Thank you to **Bob Quigley, Scott, Jason, Todd, Amanda Rose** (and her helpers **Alexia** and **Alexis?**) for working the exhibit at Greenfest!

~LC voted to officially adopt the Logan Turnpike trail with **Jack Rogers** fopodinating (point person/organizing) this effort. We may get to put up a sign listing LC as the care taker and **James** may help with

mapping points of interest etc.. This promises to be a very fun and useful project!

Previous Announcements:

- ~Please visit our Reverbnation site that Vanessa has put together. www.reverbnation.com/venue/savethehemlocks .
- ~The Fox morning show will be airing a piece on the hemlock plight the week before the festival! They may even come out to the fest!
- ~**Neville, Vanessa, and Elizabeth** have asked that folks collect silent auction items whenever possible (and don't forget to ask vendors at Gold Rush☺)
- ~Please visit our facebook page and ask your friends to 'like' it and to 'share' all the posts they get! **Vanessa** has been really keeping the social media pumping!
- ~Please get **Judy** any info relating to the Programs asap!
- ~Any Sam's/Costco items needed, please get list to **Elvin Hilyer** by **Oct. 29**.

Important Dates:

- Oct. 23= **LC meeting at Starbridge (the venue) at 5:30pm** -final meeting before fest. We will order Pizzas (a \$5 donation is suggested if you are able). Remember to bring your own beverage/s of choice.
- Oct. 29= Any Sams/Costco items needed, please get list to **Elvin Hilyer** (elvin3865@gmail.com) by this date at the very latest.
- Oct. 27 - Nov. 1 = work week at Starbridge (set-up)
- Nov. 2-4= Hemlockfest
- Nov. 5-9= work week at starbridge (clean-up)
- Dec. 14= Afterfest gathering/party at **Hilyer** Home

Agenda:(let me know if you want to add to this list)

- ~Wrap up final items of concern.
- ~Look closely at: 'needs to be done,' 'looking for,' and 'Ideas: Hemlockfest Related' sections of this e-mail and developing a course forward.
- ~Discuss venue prep needs.
- ~Feel the excitement!



In the works: (Urgent in red)

- ~self explanatory powerpoint being put together by **Amanda**
- ~All Access Passes (All new this year ; abt. 40) (**Judy**)
- ~band packets (**Carolyn & Kelly**)

- ~name tags (**Jack**)
- ~materials designed/printed: info, programs, etc. (**Judy T**)
- ~cc processing machines figured/ordered (**Cathy Ryno**)
- ~parking organized (**Mary**)
- ~wood (**Basil**)
- ~upgraded venue map (**James Fitzgerald**)

Needs to be done: (Urgent in red)

- ~All 'program' related info to **Judy** asap
- ~Promo materials dispersed!
- ~volunteers recruited (**Everybody**)
- ~All lists of non-gate ticket purchasers need to be alphabetized and gotten to **Mary McClendon** directly or via **Jack Rogers**. (this means everybody that has any exception to full price tickets purchased at gate..EVERYBODY)
- ~Sponsor Banner picked up from McEver's Signs in Dawsonville (will need a check)
- ~grant written (Blue Water Project Community Action Grant)
- ~donations/sponsorships sought
- ~**Amanda's** power point posted to web
- ~Change out GFIs on power poles (**Jack R.**)
- ~Dog agreement (for participants bringing dogs to fest) written and posted (and sent to **Mary**) (I have a prototype that Vanessa sent me and will finagle it)
- ~wood cut, split, and delivered
- ~Programmers sought
- ~print meal tickets for peace patrol and hemlock program experts (**forest**).
- ~Don Write Memorial and Volunteer Award

Looking for:

- ~demonstrators, activity organizers, exhibitors, educators, story tellers
- ~a unique, small, self-contained food vendor or two (preferably local or from close surrounding area).
- ~First Aid Volunteers to help divide the time with Jennifer James (especially for Fri evening, but also throughout the weekend)
- ~A minimum of 3 volunteers for PLAT initiative response team (contact **Jack Rogers**: <rogers@member.afa.org>)
- ~volunteers to help **Mary** with ticketing and parking throughout hemlockfest weekend (4hr shifts: 2 shifts gets you in for \$10 weekend ticket).

~shuttle van drivers (shuttles on the 1/2 hour). (Ryan Orear, Megan Moran + 3 more.. AO employees preferred due to insurance.. but not absolute). Please sign up on website accessed sign-up page and specify that you are a current or prior employee of App Out if that is the case.

~Grant writer (for the Blue Water Project Community Action Grants)(Bryan Sorohan and James Fitzgerald have each shown interest in this possibility)

~wood teams to commit to bringing a truck/trailer load of primarily hard wood to the venue. (Basil Bonner-aka 'Wood jefe', Bill Brooksher, Forest Hilyer, Dan Centofanti and Jack Rogers have already committed)

~a sign fopodinator (focus pod coordinator). Everything venue signs.. painting, fixing, putting out, and collecting. (Vanessa Sanders?Bob Billings?)

Found: (many thanks to:)

~Web Master (Mike Henderson)

~Silent Auction (Elizabeth Henderson/Vanessa Sanders)

~Vendor coordinator (Vanessa Sanders)

~Author for an article on the honey bee demise as relates to hemlock treatments (Beth Sanders)

Ideas:(If you would like to add to this section or take something on.. please let me know:-)

Hemlockfest related:

~Stack plenty of wood (for whole weekend) at barrels on road, ticketing, and parking before fest begins.

~sign saying 'Vender vehicles only' for first offshoot rd on back rd. & a sign saying 'foot traffic only' at second offshoot rd on back rd.

~Have a person walking around with a 'donate here' box on a pole.

~Have wheel burrows and carts available to folks to tote their camping gear to/from campsite

~shuttles on the 1/2 hour between parking and venue (rather than continuous). This may be more during high flow times and scale back to 'on the hour' during low flow times. Would need to post a schedule at pick-up locations.

~top of 'camping gear drop-off rd' roped off. Designated vehicle (truck?) available to help shuttle gear to site for small fee.

~Designated vehicle also available to assist with getting gear to family camping area.

~Annual Don Wright Volunteer Award (established)

~memorial to Don Wright in Peace Patrol campsite

~more defined parking in lots for more efficient use of space

- ~continuous playing of power point (**Amanda's**) near stage on screen
- ~rope off wood. entrance by volunteer tent for better control purposes
- ~mail-out to river property owners in Lumpkin County (possible selective hemlock treatment from river)
- ~write and post a paragraph on the relation between nicotianoids, imidacloprid, honey bees, Hemlock injections, dif b/w wind and flower pollinators, and concern with injection near flowering trees..etc. (**Beth Sanders**)
- ~Cd produced for spring or summer release at Shenanigans in Gainesville with a couple of bands playing (**Bob Q.** mastering the songs & **Judy** doing the album art/design)

Concepts that would require full commitment of individuals to see through

- ~Col Bruce documentary showing & live music event at Holly Theater as an awareness and fund raiser
- ~fundraiser at new Gainesville Shenanigans designed similar to UCRK Park Tavern annual fundraiser.
- ~biathlon on Lake Zwerner as an awareness and fund raiser
- ~River monitoring
- ~Gold mining 'watch group'
- ~Chestnut re-seeding effort
- ~Hemlockfest/issue documentary project
- ~Plat initiative (clinic, mail out: contingent on committal from three volunteers to be responders to possible influx of inquiries, etc =**Jack**)

So the hemlocks may live...

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