

Meeting Date
Sunday, Sept. 9
6:00pm

@ **Hilyer Home**

(We will order some pizzas, if you can kick in \$5 that would be great. BYOB unless you want water. no shoes inside please:-)
(Directions below)

Hello Coalitioners!

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

Who wants to tackle getting a sign permit for the venue sign?

Announcements/Comments:

~It was very nice to meet **Amanda Rose Newton**, the new NGCSU predator beetle lab director at the last meeting.. She is already adding greatly to the group and taking on Hemlockfest

Tasks! Welcome **Amanda!**

~**Cera** is going to be able to make it Sat of the Fest! Yeh! so glad you could work it out Cera!

~**Fox 5 morning show** will be doing a segment on Hemlockfest and the hemlock effort inclu interviews and possibly even coming out to the fest! They plan to air something the week before Hemlockfest! Thanks **Judy:-)**

~We had the **Henderson family** join in the madness and they really jumped right into it! A big welcome and thank you! Good days ahead:-)

~I attached the **final band line-up**

Important Dates: (newly added/changed in red)

Aug. 25= Logan Turnpike trail maintenance day (meet Jack at Turners Corner for breakfast @ 8:00am or to depart @ 8:45am. Bring non motorized tools only: swing blades, grass whips, clippers, saws... water, bag lunch...) See you there!

Sept. 1,2,&3 = Shucking for Shamrocks @ Shenanigans (A fundraiser for muscular dystrophy that Deb and the gang put on every year.. They are some of our biggest supporters.. Let's keep the spirit of support and giving in our community strong! see you there at some point!:-)

Sept. 9 (moved from Sept.2) = LC meeting (Hilyer Home)

Sept.23=LC meeting (TBA)

Oct. 9= LC meeting (TBA)

Oct. 13= River Clean-up (9:00 am @ Hilyer Home)

Oct. 23= LC meeting (probably at Starbridge) -final meeting before fest.

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

Has been done:(let me know if you want to add to this list)

~two preliminary printings (short run) of posters and post cards distributed

~Band line-up completed

~ticketing posted to web (early bird special)

~Temp permit app turned in to commissioners

~Chairs, tables, lights ordered from TTT

~10'x15' tent ordered

~Insurance secured

~Permission from venue owners secured

In the works:

- ~final poster and rack card design for large print order (**Jason Spencer**)
- ~t-shirt design (**Brandon Jones**)
- ~Ad design for Vacation Guide (**Jason Spencer/Bob Q.**)
- ~Peace Patrol on board (**Pete Anderson**)
- ~Alcohol permit
- ~table tent design (**Jason**)
- ~Tickets printed (**Jason**)
- ~parking area permission requests (**Kelly**)
- ~Plat initiative (clinic, mail out: contingent on committal from three volunteers to be responders to possible influx of inquiries, etc = **Jack**)
- ~permit for chamber banner turned in
- ~volunteer sign up page posted to web
- ~**Cera's** power point being made self explanatory with help from **Amanda**
- ~All Access Passes (**Judy**)
- ~banners updated (**Jason S.**)
- ~materials designed/printed: posters, rack cards, info, programs, etc. (**Jason S., Judy T., Bob Q.**)
- ~cc processing machines figured/ordered (**Cathy Ryno**)

Needs to be done:

- ~merch ordered (coasters, t-shirts = **Judy**)
- ~permits secured (Parking = **Kelly Bonner**) (Venue sign = ?)
- ~volunteers recruited (**Everybody**)
- ~Cd produced? (**Bob Q.** mastering the songs & **Judy** doing the album art/design)
- ~beer ordered (**Forest**)
- ~grant written (Blue Water Project Community Action Grant)
- ~band packets made up (**Carolyn? Kelly? Kristen J.?**)
- ~All lists of non-gate ticket purchasers need to be alphabetized and gotten to **Mary McClendon** directly or via **Forest**. (this means everybody that has any exception to full price tickets purchased at gate.. **EVERYBODY**)
- ~donations/sponsorships sought
- ~**Cera's** power point posted to web

Looking for:

- ~A minimum of **3 volunteers for PLAT initiative response team** (contact Jack Rogers: rogers@member.afa.org)
- ~abt 60 shifts filled by **volunteers to help Mary with ticketing and parking** throughout hemlockfest weekend (4hr shifts: 2 shifts gets you in for \$5 weekend ticket). Please contact Jack Rogers rogers@member.afa.org (until sign-up available on website) and specify what you are signing up for.
- ~**shuttle van drivers** (shuttles on the 1/2 hour). (Ryan Orear? + 4more.. AO employees preferred due to insurance.. but not absolute). Please contact Jack Rogers rogers@member.afa.org (until sign-up available on website) and specify what you are wanting to do.
- ~**Grant writer** (for the Blue Water Project Community Action Grants)(**Bryan Sorohan** and **James Fitzgerald** have each shown interest in this possibility)
- ~5 **wood teams** to commit to bringing one or two + truck/trailer loads of primarily hard wood to the venue. (**Bill Brooksher, Forest Hilyer** and **Jack Rogers** have already committed.. we need **two more** team leaders)
- ~**someone to secure a permit** for the venue sign

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:

- ~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
- ~real pictures of hemlock tree/bow and infestation inclu with pertinent info on back of **rack card** for visual identification
- ~more defined parking in lots for more efficient use of space
- ~continuous playing of **power point (Cera'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 nicananoids, imidacloprid, honey bees, Hemlock injections, dif b/w wind and flower pollinators, and concern with injection near flowering trees..etc. (**Beth Sanders**)

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

Previous Announcements:

~**Mary McClendon** plans to return from her new home in Florida to continue her excellent efforts at organizing the **parking and ticketing** for Hemlockfest! What a gift! She has requested that we seek out volunteers dedicated to fill roughly 60 shifts in her area. Mary has also asked that **lists** be compiled, alphabetized, and sent to her (via Forest if necessary) of Anyone and Everyone who is not purchasing a full price ticket at the gate as they come in so as to cut down on confusion and hold ups.

~**Cera Jones** put together a **fantastic power point** and presented it as part of her Information Update offered back on Mother's Day. **She is very upbeat about her findings of success possibilities with the beetle release program.** It seems things may turn out better than at once expected. This is very exiting! Beetles are breeding and feeding.. and Hemlocks thought to be gone are showing some recovery possibilities!!! Contact Cera Jones at the NGCSU (soon to be NGU) Beetle Lab for more details. Cera will soon be passing the baton as well, to a new Lab director so she can complete a masters degree at UGA. We are so grateful to her for her work here in North Ga. and all she has done to help preserve our hemlock forests. And we feel very lucky to have her as a friend, volunteer, and resident of our community! **Thank you Cera!**

~**Grant opportunity:**

Sponsor:

Royal Bank of Canada

Program Number: 97811

Title: Blue Water Project Community Action Grants

E-mail: bluewaterproject@rbc.com

Web Site: <http://www.rbc.com/community-sustainability/apply-for-funding/guidelines-and-eligibility/blue-water-project.html>

Program URL: <http://bluewater.rbc.com/applyGrant.php>

SYNOPSIS: The Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) provides grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to local or community organizations in Canada,

United States or the Caribbean focusing on watershed protection.
Deadline(s):
Deadline note:
Community Action Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
There are no deadlines.

See you on the 9th!

So the hemlocks may live...
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