



THE STEW CREW NEWS

December 2017

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Reminders

- Bring something to drink
- Wear sturdy gloves
- Consider bug repellent
- We recommend long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes

Exciting Changes Ahead for 2018! Jessica Spencer, Director of Natural Resources

This past year we've seen some great progress on important projects. With your help we've restored prairies and forests, propagated and harvested seed, prepared for prescribed burns, checked-in on recent reforestations and more. Thank you for all the time you contribute to these efforts. We wouldn't be able to make as big of an impact without your generosity and talent!

As you may be aware, Great Parks is undergoing an extensive reorganization. This will help everyone to carry out their job responsibilities more efficiently and better serve the public. This also means that you may be working with different crew members than you have in the past. No matter who the staff may be, volunteers will always be an integral part of the Great Parks team. Our transition will begin in mid-December and we hope to have the folks who will be involved with Stew Crew in place by mid-January. That's the plan, but things could take longer than expected and we appreciate your patience. If you have questions in the meantime and don't know who to ask, feel free to reach out to Kris Roselle, Niki Marengo or myself.

We look forward to working with you in 2018!



December Stew Crew Projects



Management of a Reforestation Area

What: In recent years Great Parks has adopted a reforestation plan for several different areas around the county. Hundreds of native tree seedlings and larger trees have been planted to become forests of the future. Many times the long-term success of these areas can be challenged by non-native invasive trees like the Callery Pear. Although these little trees are colorful in the fall, they spread much faster than many native trees.

Join in as we cut and treat small pears before they have a chance to get large and possibly out-compete the native trees.

When: Wednesday, December 6th from noon–3 p.m.

Where: Meet at the Big Sycamore shelter parking lot in Miami Whitewater Forest.

Register: RSVP by December 5th to Scott Peak at speak@greatparks.org

Honeysuckle Control at the Gorge Trail

What: Stew Crew has made great progress in removing invasive honeysuckle from the Gorge trail at Sharon Woods. Come enjoy the beautiful geologic scenery as we cut and treat honeysuckle along this great trail.

When: Tuesday, December 12th from 9 a.m.–noon

Where: Meet at the Buckeye Shelter parking lot at Sharon Woods. 11450 Lebanon Rd, Sharonville, OH 45241

Register: RSVP by December 11th to Chris Glassmeyer at cglassmeyer@greatparks.org

Shaker Trace Nursery Work

What: Join us as we work together to accomplish daily nursery tasks that will change with the seasons.

When: Every Thursday year-round any time between 8 a.m. and noon.
Also from April-October Thursday afternoon any time after 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 or 7:00

Where: Miami Whitewater Forest, Shaker Trace Nursery, 8667 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH 45030

Register: None required – just stop by!



Volunteer Hours

Don't forget to record your service! This information is used when applying for grants and other sources of outside support. Please record your hours under **Stew Crew [NATURAL RESOURCE\All locations]**.