



THE STEW CREW NEWS

January 2017

Conservation Calendar

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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
- Have fun!



Happy New Year Stew Crew

Happy New Year, Stew Crew! We here at Great Parks hope you had a great holiday season full of family, friends and lots of cheer. Though winter is on and the conditions may be tough, we must continue our mission of protecting and preserving nature for the good of all. 2016 was an unprecedented success with all of the projects completed by Stew Crew, and with your help we will accomplish even more in 2017!

As I write this, I am reminded of the ancient Greek proverb: "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." There is not a better way to describe the nature of the work we do. Though the work may be arduous, and the results not immediately apparent, the effort we all put forth is invaluable and has long lasting effects on the environment we vow to protect.

Thank you again for all of your hard work and dedication in 2016 and years before. Let's make 2017 our banner year for Stew Crew. Whether it's cutting vines and honeysuckle, picking up trash along Winton Lake, restoring wetlands or any of our many projects; it is great people that make Great Parks. Thank you again, and happy New Year!!!



Project Update

This Fall the Stew Crew had two work days at Fernbank cutting winter creeper vines from trees. We were able to complete the entire area and the results are already noticeable. However, the real fruits of your labor will be no more fruits from a very invasive species.

January Stew Crew Projects

Give the oaks a fighting chance at Adventure Outpost!

What: In the fall of 2016, crews from GPHC's Natural Resources division conducted a largescale honeysuckle treatment at the Adventure Outpost area of Winton Woods. Several acres of high quality habitat along Winton Lake were restored, but one area in particular needs a little extra care. This area is home to many small oak seedlings struggling to survive the invasion of honeysuckle. So come prepared for the cold and help us finish off this area and preserve the oak trees for generations to come!

When: January 11 from 9 a.m.–noon

Where: Adventure Outpost at Winton Woods.
10248 McKelvey Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45231

Register: RSVP by January 9th to Chris Glassmeyer at cglassmeyer@greatparks.org

Planted Burr Oak Maintenance

What: To protect newly planted trees from deer, some type of fencing or tubes are put in place while the trees are small. In time, as the trees mature, this protection is no longer needed and can become detrimental to the health of the tree. Join us in removing old fence from Burr Oaks that were planted a decade ago to ensure they can continue to grow for many decades to come. We will also learn about unique Burr Oak savannas in Ohio.

When: January 25 from noon–3 p.m.

Where: Meet at the Shaker Trace Nursery
8667 New Haven Rd.

Register: RSVP by January 24 to Scott Peak at speak@greatparks.org

Shaker Trace Nursery Work

What: Join us as we work together to process seed, and complete other important chores at the Nursery.

When: Every Thursday from 8 a.m.–noon

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]**.

