



**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Blackhawk Area Council, Kishwaukee Chapter**  
**Order of the Arrow “Extreme Service Project 2”**

In conjunction with the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) the Blackhawk Area Council, Order of the Arrow, Kishwaukee Chapter is sponsoring an Extreme Service Project on Saturday September 24, 2011.

Last year at the First Extreme Service Project we had over 400 volunteers that put in over 800 total hours. We would like to do even better this year.

This One Day of Service is open to all units: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Exploring, Girl Scouts, NHS groups, parents and all organizations.

We will be helping to restore habitat at one of the following Conservation Areas:

- The Hollows, Cary
- Marengo Ridge, Marengo

**Why restore habitat?** Habitat provides homes for animals, nesting and resting areas for birds, and opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy nature. Restoration is the process of returning disturbed habitat to a healthy, self-sustaining natural state that is characterized by a diverse community of native plants and wildlife. Removal of non-native species, such as buckthorn, honeysuckle, autumn olive and garlic mustard gives our native species an opportunity to thrive and provide a home for native wildlife. Land stewardship and the restoration of wildlife habitat is an opportunity for people to become better acquainted with the land, and begin to care for it as *their own* habitat. On this day of service, help the Conservation District encourage plant and wildlife biodiversity throughout McHenry County.

**Two service sessions are scheduled at each site.** We need counts of youth and adults in advance of your participation. See below for the information we will need. Plan to arrive at the site a few minutes before the scheduled start time. Join us for the whole day (both sessions) and bring a sack lunch (there will not be a cooking area).

- 1) Morning: 9 – 11 a.m.
- 2) Afternoon: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- 3) Both sessions

**The following safety requirements must be observed at both sites:**

- Must have at least one supervising adult for every 10 youth. Minimum age 7.
- Dress appropriately for outdoor work and weather conditions. **For safety's sake, long pants and long-sleeved shirts are required attire. Work gloves and safety glasses are also required, and will be provided by the District for scouts who don't bring their own. A hat is recommended. Sandals are not allowed.**
- Bring drinking water, sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat, if needed.

**Service projects will be offered at the following Conservation Areas on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

**1. THE HOLLOWES CONSERVATION AREA, 3804 Rt. 14, Cary**

*Habitat restoration – removal of non-native brush and trees and trash clean-up*

- a. Register your group in advance as shown below. (Maximum 200 people at each session.)
- b. No experience necessary. Participants will receive instructions onsite.
- c. Distance from parking lot to project: short walk on trail to project area. Worksite is off trail.
- d. Tools: bring loppers or pruning shears if you own them. The District will have a limited amount of tools available for use at the site.

**2. MARENGO RIDGE CONSERVATION AREA, 2411 South Route 23, Marengo**

*Habitat restoration: remove invasive honeysuckle and autumn olive along the hiking trail and clean up trash.*

- a. Register your group in advance as shown below. (Maximum 200 people at each session)
- b. No experience necessary. Participants will receive instructions onsite.
- c. Distance from parking lot to project: short walk to trail head where project begins. Removal of invasive brush and clean up will continue along trail.
- d. Tools: bring loppers or pruning shears if you own them. The District will have a limited amount of tools available for use at the site.

**YOUR GROUP NEEDS TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTREME SERVICE PROJECT**

Email the following information to [kishadvisor@wulapeju140.org](mailto:kishadvisor@wulapeju140.org)

Group type: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venture, Explorer, other organization type.

Conservation area: Name and A.M. or P.M. session or both.

Contact person, phone number and email address:

Number of: adults (18 years and up)

Number of: youth (12 – 17 years)

Number of: youth (7 – 11 years)

If you will have people at multiple locations and sessions we need counts for each.

Thank-you

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