



Why? 1) To get outside, to get a workout, and to build your strength, flexibility, and sense of purpose! 2) To get service hours. Even younger kids can work alongside their guardians; for example, for activity #1, below, the herbicide could be applied by the guardian while the kids do the cutting. **Friends of the Trail's Lead volunteer, Cathy Levy, can sign forms validating service hours.** 3) To improve our environment and to do your part to combat climate change. Hilliard's woodland park, the SCIOTO RUN NATURE TRAIL, has been overrun by invasive species, specifically the honeysuckle bush and garlic mustard weed. We've been working since the spring of 2018 and we've cleared these invasives from most of this 11.5 acre park. Already, NATIVE species are returning and younger trees have space to get established! Already, pollinators like bees and butterflies can benefit from a DIVERSE woodland that provides a year-round feast of flowering native plants. Please JOIN US to complete this massive undertaking and also continue removing new growth of the invasives that the birds plant in the cleared areas.

What will we do? You can choose! We cover these efforts: 1) Eliminate invasive species (by destroying honeysuckle bushes and privet or pulling garlic mustard weeds) 2) Cut down vines that damage trees 3) Spread mulch on the trail 4) In the fall or spring, spread native wildflower seeds 5) In the spring, plant seedlings and saplings of native trees and bushes. 6) Pick up litter

Note our **** New Schedule ***

When and Where will I work? Pick any **Monday, Thursday, or Saturday** and come anytime between 4pm to 6pm. We do cancel for holidays, during rainstorms, or when the wind chills dip below 32 degrees. Either meet Cathy at **3679 Scioto Run Blvd**, or if your start time is later than 4pm, then call her at **614-506-8139**, and she'll come off the trail to meet you at 3679 Scioto Run Blvd and escort you to the worksite. This schedule lists exceptions: <https://www.sciotorun.org/s/FT-Schedule.pdf>. Contact Cathy to schedule a special work session.

What should I bring? Kids under 16 should bring an adult. Bring tools if you have them, or use Cathy's extras. You (or your guardian) will sign a waiver accepting the risk of injury. Cathy will provide a copy, or you can print and sign and bring it along using a link found here: <https://www.sciotorun.org/traildetails>.

How will I be trained? You'll be trained on the spot, or if you love details, study this: <https://www.sciotorun.org/s/FT-How-we-work.pdf>

Who do I contact? Friends of the Trail's Lead Volunteer, Cathy Levy at cathy.levy@gmail.com or 614-506-8139 or learn more at: <https://www.sciotorun.org/friendsofthetrail>

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