Help Out on State Natural Areas

Rocky Run Workday

Get exercise and enjoy the brush pile fire at Rocky Run SNA! Help cut and burn brush and cedar trees and learn something in the process. Rocky Run has sand prairie and oak savanna that has been taken over by invasive shrubs and cedar trees which reduce the native understory diversity. Remove these trees to encourage rare animals and plants on the site. There will be a potluck lunch afterwards. No skills needed you will be trained onsite.

Date: January 21

Time: 9am-noon

Directions: End of Walsh Rd. From Madison travel north on Hwy 51 to Hwy 22. Take 22 north (slight right). Travel north 9.5 miles to Phillips road on the left. Take Phillips road west (about two miles) to Walsh road on the left. Turn left (south) on Walsh road and follow to the end where we will meet at a private residence.
Google map:
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1GEO0bg8UmBbRcP4VHZIVZCRCgXg&usp=sharing

What to wear: Dress for the weather and wear clothes that are OK to get beat up, gloves (we will have extra), sturdy footwear, safety glasses (we will have extra). Expect burning embers to put a few holes in your clothes- cotton works better than fleece.

What to bring: Gloves and loppers (optional)

If the workday is cancelled due to weather conditions, a message will be left at 608-228-4349 at least two hours prior to the event. If there is no cancellation message, the workday will continue as scheduled.

If you are interested please contact Jared Urban at jared.urban@wisconsin.gov or 608-228-4349. But if you don't get around to notifying, come anyway!

Workday last winter

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