

Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2023

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Snapshot of Accomplishments & Capabilities

- All 19 HWA-infested Georgia counties in native hemlock range now served by our Hemlock Help Program
- Hemlock Help Line available 7 days a week with 477 calls handled
- 4 Hemlock Help Clinics with total of 30 attendees
 - Sat., Apr. 15 Towns, Rabun, Habersham
 - Sat., June 17 Pickens, Cherokee, Dawson
 - Sat., Aug. 19 Lumpkin, White, Hall
 - Sun., Oct. 29 Dahlonega
- 3 Facilitator Training Workshops with total of 17 new Facilitators trained
Total active Facilitators = 430 in Georgia and 94 in other states
 - Sat., July 15 Pickens, Cherokee, Dawson Counties
 - Tue., Sep 5 Young Harris College, Towns County
 - Sat., Sep. 23 Lumpkin, White, Hall Counties
- 8 Presentations for 150 adults
 - Tues., Feb. 7 Redbud Project, Elachee Nature Center, Gainesville
 - Thu., Mar. 9 UNG Peaks Program, Blue Ridge
 - Wed., Mar 15 & Thu., Mar. 16 6th Grade Exploratory students at Fannin Middle School, Blue Ridge
 - Fri., Mar. 24 GA/Alabama Land Trust, Dahlonega
 - July TU Goldrush Chapter, Dahlonega
 - Tue., Aug. 14 Mountain Ivy Garden Club, Tiger
 - Tue., Aug. 29 Elachee Center's Science Night, TapIt! Brewery in Gainesville
- 1 Hemlock Lesson for 222 students and 2 teachers
- 1 Customized training session for 11 volunteers and public land managers
- 14 Festivals with 88 volunteers and estimated 3,598 visitors
 - Thu., Mar. 30 UNG Volunteer Fair
 - Sat., Apr. 15 & Sun., Apr. 16 Bear-on-the-Square
 - Wed., Apr. 19 UNG Gainesville Earth Day
 - Sat., Apr. 29 Trout & Outdoor Adventures
 - Sun., May 28 LRA Memorial Day Meeting
 - Sat., Jun 17 Etowah Meadery, Dahlonega
 - Sat., June 3 & Sat., July 1 Blairsville Farmers Market
 - Sun., Sep. 3 LRA Labor Day Meeting
 - Sat., Sep. 9 Elachee Wildlife Festival
 - Sat., Sep. 16 Trail Fest
 - Sat., Oct 7 Foxfire Mountaineer Festival
 - Sat., Oct. 7 & Sun., Oct. 8 Marble Festival
 - Sat., Oct. 14 & Sun., Oct 15 Blue Ridge Arts in the Park
 - Sat., Nov. 11 Scout Camp Awards Weekend, Blairsville
- 5 Articles / news items written by, with the assistance of, or about SGH published in newspapers/magazines
- 68 Facilitator visits made with charitable treatment of 7,600 trees

- 17 hemlock treatment projects with 275 volunteers treating 8,462 trees

Sat., Jan. 1 - Mon., Jan. 9	Signal Mountain, TN - Grandview Area
Sun., Mar. 5	Rock Creek in Walker County
Sat., Feb. 18	Boy Scout Project at Lake Rabun Beach
Sat., Mar. 11	Signal Mountain, TN – Green Gorge Area
Thu., Mar. 15	Fannin Middle School campus in Blue Ridge
Sat., Jan. 1 – Thu., Mar. 23	Signal Mountain, TN – Signal Mountain
Fri., Mar. 24 & Fri., 31	Young Harris College campus
Sun., Mar. 26	Chattooga River Ranger District – Tate Branch / Sandy Bottom
Sat., Apr. 22	Camp Woodruff in Blairsville
Sat., Jun 17	Blue Ridge Ranger District – Clements Branch
Sat., Jun 24	Conasauga Ranger District – Bear Creek
Sep. 12	Young Harris College
Sep. 17	Young Harris College
Fri., Sep. 22	Blue Ridge Ranger District – Ivy Log
Sat., Sep. 20	Blue Ridge Ranger District – Dockery Lake
Sat., Oct. 21	Chattooga River Ranger District – GA / SC Woodall launch on Chattooga River
Sat., Nov. 11	Scout Camp Woodruff, Blairsville
November	Blue Ridge Ranger District – Fodder Creek / Hog Creek
Sat., Dec. 9	Chattooga River Ranger District – Camp Creek in Rabun County
- 2 sapling rescue projects with 12 volunteers, 125 saplings rescued and potted for use in educational / service activities or future adoption

Sat., Mar. 4	Dawson County
Fri., Apr. 21	Lumpkin County
- 141 hemlock saplings adopted; 68 saplings donated to schools, churches, nonprofits
- 5 hemlock sapling planting projects with 22 volunteers planting donated hemlocks

Sat., Apr. 29	Billy Goat Island on Lake Rabun
Sat., May 27	Boy Scout Camp Woodruff, Blairsville
Wed., Nov 7	Whitepath Golf Course, Ellijay
Sat., Nov 11	Scout Camp Woodruff, Blairsville
- 7 soil injectors repaired/refurbished
- Total of 5,327 volunteer hours logged

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 2023

* Operating Funds 12/31/23

Starting Ckg Acct Balance	\$72,039
Income	\$21,711
Expense	\$33,003
Ending Ckg Acct Balance	\$20,747
Fidelity CDs	\$40,000
TOTAL Operating Funds	\$60,747
Net Change from 2022	\$11,292

INCOME 2023	Contrib Indiv	Contrib Member	Contrib Found	Contrib Non Profit	Contrib In Kind Goods	Contrib In Kind Svc	Contrib Corp	Gov Reimb
2023 Income by Source	\$1,976.00	\$18,583.64	\$46.80	\$675.00	\$304.50	\$0.00	\$125.97	\$0.00
2023 Income by Percentage	9.10%	85.59%	0.22%	3.11%	1.40%	0.00%	0.58%	0.00%
2023 Total Income	\$21,711.91							

	11 Educ Hemlock Clinics	12 Educ Facil Trng	13 Educ Comm Progs	16 Public Comm	14 Saplings	15 Treatment	51 Gen Admin	52 Memb & Fund Raising
2023 Expenses by Category	\$74.95	\$201.52	\$4,061.22	\$3,951.00	\$3,480.91	\$13,438.67	\$6,547.25	\$1,248.41
2023 Expenses by Percentage	0.23%	0.61%	12.31%	11.97%	10.55%	40.72%	19.84%	3.78%
2023 Total Expenses	\$33,003.93							
Current Ckg Acct Balance	\$20,747.66							

Spending Ratio for 2023: 25.11% Education, 51.27% Charitable Service, 23.62% Admin.
 Cumulative Spending Ratio 2009 - 2023: 41.22% Education, 48.27% Charitable Service, 10.43% Admin.

* Grants & dedicated funds 12/31/23

Ghesling UGA Scholarship	\$1,550.00	
Lake Burton Civic Association	\$1,398.74	For use in Rabun County
Lake Rabun Foundation	\$230.93	For use in Rabun County
Private donation, Rabun	\$0.00	Used in Rabun on Billy Goat Island planting & Chattooga project
Laurel Ridge	\$391.00	To be used Fall 2024
Rock Creek Project	\$0.00	Used on Rock Creek treatment 3/5/23
TOTAL Restricted Funds	\$3,570.67	

* Shearer UNG Scholarship 12/31/23: \$40,391

* Annual Membership Appeal 2023: 197 donations (82 general, 115 scholarship) totaling \$49,786 compared to 140 donations totaling \$29,952 in 2022.