



Hemlock Sapling Rescue and Potting Project Details



Date:	Thursday, October 28, 2021	
Event:	We'll be rescuing and potting 30 hemlock saplings on a property where they're not being treated to protect them from the hemlock woolly adelgid, but the owner has graciously given us permission to dig, pot and treat them for charitable use.	
Where to Meet:	The parking lot at Cane Creek Storage, 2099 U.S. 19 BUS, Dahlonega	
Directions:	See page 2 for map.	
Schedule:	<p>10:00 a.m. – All volunteers report. After a quick overview of the plan and schedule for the day, we'll caravan to the project site (approximately a 20-minute drive).</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – We'll set up the potting station close to the digging site, have a demo of the process for digging a hemlock sapling, and then get to work digging and bagging about 30 little trees. The end of the digging task will be to repair the holes to Leave No Trace.</p> <p>Noon – All volunteers will come together for a group picnic.</p> <p>12:30 p.m. – Following a demo of the process for potting a hemlock sapling, we'll get all the little trees potted and treated for HWA protection.</p> <p>By 3:00 p.m. (or sooner if finished) – We'll stop work, clean up, load up the potted saplings, and head to Donna Shearer's home at 37 Woody Bend (approximately a 25-minute drive) to deliver the little trees to SGH's sapling nursery.</p>	
Terrain and Access:	The road to the digging site starts out on Camp Wahsega Rd. (paved) and then continues on as easy-to-drive unpaved Forest Service Rd. Four-wheel drive shouldn't be necessary, but if you have a low-carriage vehicle, you'll want to ride with someone whose vehicle has higher clearance. The terrain at the project site is flat.	
What to Wear:	Dress for the weather and the activity, including long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footgear with socks, work gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain.	
What to Bring:	<p>Bring a sharp pointed or rounded shovel suitable for digging holes.</p> <p>Pack a sack lunch, personal water bottle, folding chair or sitting cushion, and a camera if you like.</p> <p>There are no restroom facilities at the project site, so plan to come "woods ready."</p> <p>If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage.</p>	
Registration Required:	<p>Master Gardeners sign up through Elaine at 404-805-6127 or elaine.davis.jones@gmail.com.</p> <p>SGH volunteers sign up through Donna at 706-429-8010 or donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org.</p> <p>If you have questions or a change of plans, please call or email before the project start time.</p>	

