

Hemlock Treatment at the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center Project Details

Date: Wednesday March 16, 2022

Event: Service event to complete the hemlock treatment on the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center (Experiment Station) south of Blairsville

Notice: As SGH is committed to protecting the health and safety of our volunteers at all events, we will be following CDC guidelines regarding the coronavirus pandemic:

>If you have, or recently have had a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign-up and do seek appropriate medical help.



Where to Meet: Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center, 195 Mountain Experiment Station Road, Blairsville, GA. See maps on last page. GPS 34.84006/-083.92660

Schedule: **9:00 a.m.** – All volunteers meet at Gardens area at GMREC. First, you'll receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You'll be organized into small teams including at least one experienced SGH Facilitator per team and receive your equipment and supplies.

12:00 p.m. (but probably sooner) – We'll complete the work, clean the equipment, and head for home.

Access: Access to the treatment sites is via paved roads.

Terrain: The terrain at the work sites is flat in some places and hilly in others but not dangerously steep anywhere. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a site where they can be safe and comfortable.

What to Wear: Dress for the weather and the activity, including long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footgear with socks, gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals.

What to Bring: Pack a personal water bottle, sack lunch, hiking stick, and camera if you like. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage. We'll provide extra bottled water and snacks.

Don't Bring: This is an environmentally-friendly, pack-it-in pack-it-out event, so please don't bring any glass or styrofoam items. Also, as much as we love dogs, please don't bring them this time.

Registration: **Participants must sign up in advance.** Contact Jim Wentworth, 706-897-0645 or wentwrth@windstream.net. Please provide both your phone number AND email address.

Driving Directions

From Blairsville - go south on US Highway 19/129 for 3 miles. Turn left on Georgia Mountain Experiment Station Road. Go up and over hill past office and continue downhill. Bear left and follow signs to the Gardens.

