



Rockfish Valley Foundation

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Volunteer Newsletter

Issue 3: June Volunteer Reminders

UPCOMING RVF VOLUNTEER WORK DAY: June 9th, 9am-12pm

Join Michael Lachance next Wednesday at 9 am at the parking area next to the Children's Nature Trail. We will be continuing to top-dress our walking paths with crushed rock starting with low areas that have been subject to wash out in preparation for Old Wintergreen Day on July 4th.

Tasks:

1. Removing weeds that have encroached onto the surfaced trails about:
 - a. Children's Nature Trail
 - b. Stream-side Native Plant Walk
 - c. Walkways around the Natural History Center (Grand Reopening is June 26th!)
2. Adding crushed stone to rough areas and low spots on the trail
3. Weeding about beds where stands of native plant have been planted
4. Mulching about new trees with shredded bark in lawn area to facilitate mowing
5. Depending if we get rain or not, we may need to water plants planted this spring



If you can, please bring the following tools and supplies:

- Work gloves
- Water bottle
- Hoe for roguing weedy tufts of grass from the trail
- Hard tined garden-rakes for evenly spreading out the material on the trails
- Trowels
- Flat and pointed end shovels, preferably with long handles
- Pitchfork
- Pruners loppers
- Garden totes
- Garden cart
- Wheelbarrow



* Extra tools and two wheelbarrows will also be on site *

Have unused gardening tools? RVF is also in need of a **donation** of any of the aforementioned items for use in Spruce Creek Park.

Additional Request: Help us get better organized by downloading and completing the volunteer application available [HERE](#). This will help us keep in touch with you, help you receive our monthly volunteer newsletter and let you know of upcoming activities.

We hope to see you next Wednesday!

NATURAL HISTORY CENTER REOPENING: June 26th

The NHC has been closed since Dec. 2019 and is set to reopen on June 26th. We must have hosts to open. Come visit on Wednesday, June 9th and see what changes have been made and view the new exhibit provided by Betsy, Linda, and Chuck which tells the stories of water, rocks, plants and animals. We plan to meet with all our previous hosts in advance. Do you want to be a host for 2.5 hours between 11 and 4 on a Saturday or Sunday? Come by on Wednesday and take the tour.

In anticipation of the reopening, RVF is pleased to release a video tour of the Natural History Center starring Immanol Barragan. Watch it on our YouTube channel by clicking [HERE](#).



IDENTIFYING KUDZU WITH “PictureThis” App

Next is the ongoing job of finding the kudzu and clipping it out of trees and bushes. We plan to put the PictureThis app on an RVF device at the Natural History Center. Take a photo and this app will let you see what you have found and whether it is native or invasive, kudzu or grape vine. It is so much fun!



FINAL GOALS

- Increase volunteer NHC hosts to 40 so we have four on each Saturday and Sunday between 11am-4pm. We are only half way there. A seasoned volunteer will work with each new host. The exhibit is to a large extent self-guided so we are as much students as we are teachers.
- Increase our Spruce Park volunteer gardeners to 20 by the end of the summer. Our Native Plant Walk, native trees and shrubs will be joined in 2022 by the Jamestown Native Shed beds.