



Why? 1) To get outside, to get a workout, and to build your strength, flexibility, and sense of purpose! **2)** To get service hours. Even younger kids can work alongside their guardians; for example, for activity #1, below, the herbicide could be applied by the guardian while the kids do the cutting. **Friends of the Trail's Lead volunteer, Cathy Levy, can sign forms validating service hours.** **3)** To improve our environment and to do your part to combat climate change. Hilliard's woodland park, the SCIOTO RUN NATURE TRAIL, has been overrun by invasive species, specifically the honeysuckle bush and garlic mustard weed. We've been working for over two years and we've cleared these invasives from about 33% of this 11.5 acre park. Already, NATIVE species are returning and younger trees have space to get established! Already, pollinators like bees and butterflies can benefit from a DIVERSE woodland that provides a year-round feast of flowering native plants.

What will we do? You can choose! We cover these efforts: **1)** Eliminate invasive species (by destroying honeysuckle bushes or pulling garlic mustard weeds) **2)** Cut down vines that damage trees **3)** Spread mulch on the trail **4)** Repair the ruts in the trail **5)** In the fall, spread native wildflower seeds **6)** In the spring, plant seedlings and saplings of native trees and bushes.

How will this work during the pandemic? *Friends of the Trail's* Lead volunteer, Cathy Levy, will provide herbicide and might loan tools to you, and she will disinfect these items with Clorox Wipes. The work is outdoors and naturally socially distant. You (or your guardian) will sign waivers accepting the risk for COVID-19 and other injury.

When and Where will I work? Pick any **Sunday, Thursday, or Friday** and come **anytime between 3pm to 5pm**. Either meet Cathy at **3679 Scioto Run Blvd**, or if your start time is later than 3pm, then call her at **614-506-8139** and she'll come off the trail to meet you at 3679 Scioto Run Blvd. Check out this schedule for any exceptions: <http://bit.ly/FTSummerFallSchedule2020>. Contact Cathy if you would like to schedule a special work session.

What should I bring? Bring tools if you have them, or use Cathy's extras. **Important: Wear long sleeves, long pants, and work/garden gloves.**

How will I be trained? You'll be trained on the spot, but if you want to learn more in advance, here are all the details on how we do our work: <http://bit.ly/FTHilliardSciotoRunNatureTrail>

Who do I contact? *Friends of the Trail's* Lead Volunteer, Cathy Levy at cathy.levy@gmail.com or 614-506-8139.

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