



# Weed Whackers

## 2019 Volunteer Job Description

Position Title	<b>Invasive Species Volunteer, a.k.a. “Weed Whacker”</b>
Supervisor	Katie Bakken, Program Coordinator (katie@friendsoffishcreek.org)
Weed Whackers Program Description	In groups, volunteers are mobilized to learn about and actively remove invasive species from Fish Creek Provincial Park, focusing on species presenting a “winnable battle”.
Desired Outcomes	The goal of the Weed Whackers program is to reduce invasive species populations in an attempt to maintain and enhance quality of habitat and forage for native wildlife in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Simultaneously, those who participate in Weed Whackers outings will learn about the threats posed by invasive species and what they can do at home to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species.
Tasks & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign up for shifts using <i>MyVolunteerPage</i></li> <li>• Actively participate in scheduled weed pulls as available</li> <li>• Learn how to identify plant species pertinent to each outing to ensure removal of target species only</li> <li>• Use tools and equipment with care, keeping safety top priority</li> <li>• Be aware of and work to mitigate the potential hazards of working in the park; take part in safety orientation at start of each outing</li> </ul>
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign and submit Friends of Fish Creek Volunteer Agreement</li> <li>• Acknowledge the Friends of Fish Creek Volunteer Handbook on MVP profile</li> <li>• Keen sense of observation and desire to be outdoors</li> <li>• Physically fitness level sufficient enough to walk and work on varied terrain including uneven ground, downed trees, slopes and weather conditions</li> <li>• Dependable team-player</li> <li>• Basic computer/internet literacy and email access</li> </ul>
Time Commitment	Approximately 2-3 weed pulls are scheduled each month from May to August.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and plant ID orientation at the start of each weed pull</li> <li>• On-the-job training in the use of any equipment</li> </ul>
Evaluation	Volunteers will be invited to complete an end-of-season Volunteer Experience Survey to provide feedback to the organization.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get involved in the Friends of Fish Creek community; meet new people</li> <li>• Receive the <b><i>Voice of the Friends</i></b> newsletter to stay informed about upcoming events</li> <li>• Develop your plant knowledge and ID skills</li> <li>• Invitation to optional First Aid training</li> <li>• Enjoy the outdoors and be physically active</li> <li>• Invitation to volunteer appreciation events</li> </ul>
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