Spring is around the corner: VSP is going outside!!

Spring 2012 Sessions

Dear Volunteers,

As the temperature rises and the birds are chirping, High Park Stewards will be working outside in the park again with our spring weeding sessions. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month 10:30am to 12:30pm!

Spring sessions are held at different locations throughout the park, so check our website www.highparknature.org and the PINGG invitations where to go for each event. If you plan on coming, please respond to the PINGG, or email stewards@highparknature.org to be added to the PINGG list.

This winter we had a very interesting, well-attended series of indoor educational sessions in which we learned how to look at nature from an ecology perspective, discussed examples of good stewardship practices, were given volunteer training by Urban Forestry and had an in-depth course on plant identification. Thank you to Katie, Susan, Patricia, Charles and Richard! We didn't manage to complete all material in the last session, so we'll plan another one to finish it. We would love to get your feedback on the sessions, so please fill in a quick survey!

Sunday, April 8th is Easter Sunday so that session will be cancelled. But after that we'll really get out and make our hands dirty!! You can find the entire 2012 schedule here. See you soon!

The High Park Natural Environment Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3rd, 6:45 pm at the Howard Park Tennis Club. Please email mail@highparknature.org to be added to the list.
April 22

Cleaning up the Boulevard Beds

Under guidance of Henny Markus, we will prepare the Boulevard Beds near the Grenadier restaurant for the next growing season; we’ll be raking, cutting back old growth and preparing the soil for planting wildflowers later in the year.

May 6

Native Plant Sale

From 11am to 2pm we’ll hold our annual native plant sale, where we’ll be selling lots of different wildflowers, grasses and trees that have been grown in the High Park nursery. Come help out with the sale and/or buy plants for your own garden!!

May 20

BEAN Garlic Mustard Pulling

This session of invasive plant weeding will focus on Garlic Mustard. It’s an extremely aggressive plant that crowds out & prevents native species from growing. We’ll be removing Garlic Mustard so that we can plant the area later.

This seasonal newsletter is separate from our PINGG session notices. Please forward this to anyone you know who may be interested. If you want to be added or removed from this list use the links below.

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