



Volunteer Event Information – Juanita Woodlands Park, 6/3/17 9am-1pm
King County Parks Day of Event Contact – Lina Rose 206.491.5014

Please RSVP directly to Lina prior to the event if you are planning on attending!

King County Parks

King County's award-winning Parks and Recreation system consists of 200 parks, 175 miles of trails and 28,000 acres of open space. In our 200 parks, you'll find ballfields, playgrounds and pools, as well as lush forests, quiet meadows, and many other Northwest ecosystems.

Why your Volunteer Service is Important

Forests need to have diversity in order to be healthy and thrive. When forests are thriving, they can provide many benefits to our community like filtering pollution, mitigating erosion and storm damage and providing habitat for wildlife and green spaces where people can connect with nature and the outdoors. Aggressive noxious weeds like English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry were brought to this area and planted by for their desirable characteristics of staying green all year round or tasty fruits. These plants have upset the balance that our forests need to survive and thrive. Removing these aggressive plants and planting native plants can help restore the balance to a damaged ecosystem.

What to Expect

Event will begin with a discussion that includes information about King County Parks, the park that you are serving in, why this work is important and tool use and safety. King County will supply work gloves, a jug of water, light snacks, all instruction and tools. Young people under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Any minors under the age of 18 attending the event without a parent or legal guardian must also bring a signed youth waiver to event in order to participate. Please plan to arrive on time for the start of the event and allow extra time to find parking. Valuable information about the park and instruction on the project is given at the start of the event and it is important for all volunteers to be present.

Our events run rain or shine. In the event of hazardous weather, the King County staff member leading your project will be in contact via email the morning of the project if weather conditions dictate any changes to event plans. Plan to check your email before you leave for the event to ensure you receive any event updates. If you are a contact for a group coming out to volunteer, please ensure that you have set up a way to contact your group members the morning of the event if needed. Our Project for the day is removing Himalayan blackberry from around native plantings in a restoration site.

What to Bring

- Layers of clothing that can get dirty. Jeans or thick pants are ideal. Do not wear shorts or stretchy leggings/yoga pants. They will not adequately protect legs from blackberry thorns
- Rain jacket and rain pants if rain is forecast
- Closed-toed shoes are essential. Sturdy sneakers, rain boots or hiking boots are ideal
- Full water bottle and lunch

