

June 25th, 2010

Dear Great River Greening Volunteer!

Thank you so very much for helping to restore Franconia Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area on **Saturday, October 2nd**. This letter serves as a confirmation of your registration and includes all the details relating to Saturday's event. Please note the event will be held **rain or shine**, so plan accordingly.

PARKING:

See attached map and directions. We will have parking signs in place to direct you. For your safety, please leave purses and other valuables at home or in the locked trunk of your vehicle as we do not have a secure area to store them.

REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE:

When you arrive at the site, go directly to the registration tent and check in.

Volunteers need to arrive by 8:30 am to have enough time to complete the registration process. You will be asked to fill out a nametag and sign release forms, and you will be given work gloves and assigned to a work unit. The volunteer project will commence promptly at 9am. We will work until noon. Lunch and a short program will follow.

EVENT TIMELINE:

8:30am – Registration begins.

8:50am – Event kick-off. Volunteers break into small groups.

8:50 am – 9am – Volunteer Training

9am – 11:45am – Native landscape restoration

11:45am – Wrap-up/Clean-up

12pm – Lunch and Program

ATTIRE, AMENITIES AND CHILDREN:

Remember, we hold the event rain or shine! Dress for the weather and be prepared to get dirty. Sturdy shoes and long pants are essential. A portable restroom will be available near the registration area. Parents bringing children are responsible for their safety and must supervise them at all times.

SAFETY:

Ensuring the safety of all involved in our highest priority. It is important volunteers are always mindful of their step, especially when carrying tools. If there is rain the day of the event, the ground may be slippery and muddy.

TICKS AND POISON IVY:

Great River Greening staff and volunteers will be on hand to ensure volunteers are kept away from poison ivy. None the less, volunteers should take a long shower upon the return to scrub and wash any areas of their skin that may be exposed. There is a possibility of ticks at any Greening site. Upon returning home, volunteers should do a thorough tick check.

WATER BOTTLE:

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We strive to all but eliminate the use of plastic water bottles at our events. Please bring your own bottle for water if you have one available. We will have plenty of water stations throughout the site.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

All volunteers participating in Great River Greening events release Great River Greening and its employees, officers, directors, or agents from any and all liability from claims of any nature whatsoever arising from participation the extent such liability is directly attributable to the negligence of GRG, or its respective employees, officers, directors or agents.

If you have questions about the event, feel free to call me at **651-665-9500 ext.11** or send an email to **mturbak@greatrivergreening.org**. If you need to contact Great River Greening the day of the event, please call me at 651.278.6047. Also please let me know if you find you are unable to attend. Thanks again for volunteering with Great River Greening. We look forward to seeing you at the Franconia Bluffs Scientific and Natural Area on **Saturday, October 2nd!**

Sincerely,
Mark Turbak
Volunteer Programs Manager