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Red-Tailed Hawk April 17, 2010 "Community Good Turn Days"

Helping to keep our Streams and Trails clean

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Heart of America Council Community Good Turn Days. Scouts and Scouters from throughout the 19 county Council will be participating in a variety of service opportunities. The Red-Tailed Hawk District will be cleaning the Indian Creek Steam/Trail and the Eastbrook Trail. Units will take a ½ mile segment of either Trail or Stream and pick up trash and waste. All trash and waste will be placed in trash bags and pick up the following Monday by the Olathe Parks and Recreation Department. In the event an item will not fit into a trash bag, that item will be left beside the trash bags.

Directions for the event:

1. Each Troop or Crew **Contact** serves as the **Safety Officer** for all Units cleaning within each ½ mile segment of stream and/or trail. The **Contact** is also responsible for identifying the appropriate staging area, initial parking which in many situations will be area residential streets. Once the staging area is identified, the **Contact** should e-mail this information to the other Unit contacts within the section. Unit contact information, for each segment, will be e-mailed to the **Contact/Safety Officer** in the near future.
2. Each group is instructed to wear appropriate safety equipment including:
 - a. Gloves
 - b. Appropriate shoes (see Unit directions for Stream/Tail cleaning specifics - #5 below)
 - c. Class 'B' uniform, or Scouting related T-Shirt that can get dirty, appropriate for cleaning a creek area.
 - d. Each group should bring a small throw-away plastic container or bucket that can hold broken glass, needles, or other small sharp objects. Those items should not be placed in the plastic bags as they can pierce the bag and cut the individual carrying the bag. The buckets can be placed beside the plastic bag on the ground upon completion of the activity.

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3. Safety and First Aid –
 - a. Each Troop or Crew lead contact will serve as the Safety Officer for each ½ mile segment. The Safety Officer will be concerned for the safety of all Units in the specific ½ mile segment. Each Unit should consider bringing a first aid kit in the event of injury. For an urgent situation, contact David Weerts at cell phone 913-706-0214. For an emergency call 911.
 - b. There is the possibility of ticks and poison ivy, please take appropriate precautions.
4. Our hours of operation will be 9:00am until 2:00pm or until the ½ mile section is cleaned. Each participant will bring their own sack lunch including drink
 - a. Recommend bringing your own waterless hand cleaner
 - b. Bring water for drinking
5. Restrooms are scarce. Many businesses are near the trail and can be approached for use.
6. Stream/Trail cleaning specific:
 - a. On Indian Creek:
 - i. Boy Scout or Venturing Crew Units will clean the stream. Clean both sides of the stream and if an item is found in the water, go into the water only if considered safe by the Safety Officer. Most of the Indian Creek stream is not deep, but there are areas that are too deep to go into.
 - ii. Each Cub Scout Unit will clean both sides of the Trail. Plan to pick up trash on both sides of the trail.
 - b. On Eastbrook Trail:
 - i. All Units will clean both sides of the trail within their assigned ½ mile segment.
 - c. For both Trails:
 - i. All individuals are cautioned to not congregate on the trail as the trail will be in use by walker/bikers. Stay off the trail as much as possible. All Trash bags and large objects should be placed 5 to 6 feet off the trail to the edge of where the grass has been mowed.
7. Reporting at the end of the event:
 - a. Each Unit should bring their report to the Staging event location (Command Central) no later than 2:30pm. The report must be turned in to qualify for the Unit prizes.
 - b. Unit Prizes:
 - i. Prizes will be given to the Unit who turns in an entry for one of the three categories:
 1. Oldest – An item that is the oldest. Describe how old you feel your item may be. This could be a date on the item or a general 'era' when the item was sold.
 2. Grossest – This could be a rotting animal, a mossy piece of trash, etc.
 3. Strangest – Describe what makes this item seem strange to find.
 - c. Unit reporting of participation. Report should be provided by each Unit using the Community Good Turns Days reporting form. Turn in form no later than 2:30 the day of the event to Command Central: Located at Frontier Park (15501 W. Indian Creek Parkway - SW Corner of Blackbob Road and Indian Creek Parkway).