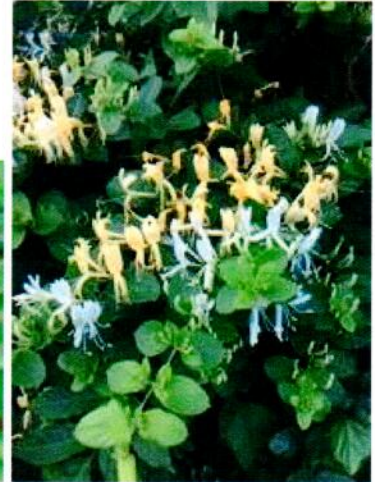


# Come help restore a local park!

## Volunteer for Aidan Flood's Eagle Scout Project!

### May 22, 2022, 1-3 and 4-6

These plants look pretty, don't they? People buy them for their yards!



But did you know that they are invasive species that can take over our local parks? That the seeds of these same plants that people buy because they are pretty, hardy, and are not eaten by the local wildlife are carried by erosion, animal fur, and even the soles of our feet into local parks, where they can take over? When this happens, these invasive species crowd out native plants, hurting local wildlife who do not eat them, and destroying the natural ecosystem of the park.

YOU can help me restore a local park by removing these types of invasive plants!

**Where:** Difficult Run Stream Valley Park, Oakton, Virginia

**When:** Sunday, May 22, 2022, 1-3 pm and 4-6 pm (meal break from 3-4 pm)

**Parking:** Park on the road at the trailhead located at 3023 Miller Heights Road, Oakton, Virginia 22124.

**What to wear:** Dress in protective clothing, including long sleeved shirts, long pants, closed toe shoes, hats, and work gloves. These things will help protect you against thorny plants, poison ivy and poison oak, and the sun.

**What to Bring:** Please bring any gardening tools you may have (including rakes, shovels, spades, loppers, clippers) and any larger items you might have (root wrenches, wheelbarrows). Please also bring insect repellent (there may be ticks), sunscreen, sunglasses, and a water bottle.

**Food and Drink:** Snacks and water will be provided during the project, and late lunch will be served on the break between sessions. To reduce trash, please bring a refillable water bottle.

**Restrooms:** None are close to the site, so please use the restroom before you arrive. If you need urgent relief during the project, efforts can be made to transport you somewhere close, abiding by BSA guidelines.

**Covid protocol:** We will be following local Virginia guidelines. Masks are not required as we are outdoors but are encouraged for people who are at high risk for serious illness (including older people, people with medical conditions, and pregnant and recently women). Hand sanitizer will be available.

To Volunteer, Sign up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA5A72FA3FEC07-aidan>