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RE: 'Weed Wrangle' or Invasive Species Removal

Dear Homeowner:

Wild Ones North Alabama is going to conduct a 'Weed Wrangle' or invasive species removal event on the City of Huntsville trail between Mt. Gap and Hemlock Drive on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This is an approved event by the City of Huntsville. Wild Ones North Alabama members will cut and stump treat the invasives.

The predominant invasive species along the trail is Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii* and *Lonicera fragrantissima*). We'll also be removing any other invasive species that we find. Some of the worst invasive exotic species in our neighborhood include Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*), Nandina (*Nandina domestica*), Mahonia (*Berberis bealei*) English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Mulberry weed (*Fatoua villosa*), Creeping Liriope (*Liriope spicata*), Mimosa (*Albizia julibrissin*), Kudzu (*Pueraria spp.*), Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*), Periwinkle (*Vinca major/minor*), and Bradford pear (*Pyrus calleryana*). Wild Ones North Alabama volunteers will respect property lines and take care not to enter private property. These invasive plants outcompete and suppress our native plant species, which negatively impact our natural habitats and environment. Weatherly Mountain has many rare and sensitive plant species that we would like to protect.

The mentioned invasive species can also be found in the surrounding yards and neighborhoods. We encourage neighbors and property owners to learn to identify and remove invasive species from their properties. The City of Huntsville will haul away yard waste and tree limbs for free. For more information about the City of Huntsville curbside trash pickup visit their website <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/trash-recycling/residential-trash-collection/residential-curbside-collection-schedule/>.

If you'd like more information about this event, visit Wild Ones North Alabama's events calendar at <https://northalabama.wildones.org/events/> or contact us at wildonesnorthal@gmail.com. Wild Ones North Alabama is a chapter of the national Wild Ones Organization, <https://wildones.org>, and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you'd like to learn more about sustainable or natural landscaping and the value of native plants, we invite you to become a member of Wild Ones North Alabama.

Sincerely,

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