

Helpful Information for Workday Volunteers

Sign-Up & Last-Minute Changes

Individual volunteers are welcome at workdays without advance sign-up, but an advance call or e-mail helps the leader plan and prepare for the event. It also enables the leader to answer your questions and notify you of last-minute cancellations or delays due to weather, etc. *Groups must notify the work leader in advance* to ensure we have sufficient tools, resources and appropriate work.

Clothing, Gear and Personal Needs

For workdays, dress appropriately for grubby, outdoor work. Wear rugged footwear, long work pants, long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a hat. Sunscreen, bug spray or raingear may be appropriate. Workdays usually go on in most weather except hazardous conditions, such as thunderstorms. Dress in layers, especially in cold or variable weather. For winter workdays, when we often burn brush, wear old clothes made of natural fibers, as synthetics like polyester and fleece are more easily damaged by airborne embers.

Most worksites lack improved toilet facilities, but permit natural and private relief (bring TP). Bring water, and lunch or a snack if staying into the afternoon. We provide hand tools. Chain saws or brush cutters may be used with safety gear and training. For sawyers, we require chaps, helmet, eye and ear protection, cut proof boots and accredited training.

Scheduling Special Events

We may be able to schedule special activities that meet the interests of company, adult and youth groups and expose them to the trail. Contact Tom Gross (608 347-5154, ta144@tds.net) or Tom Wise (608 843-8053, wise@physics.wisc.edu) to arrange such an event.