

McKeon Farms Invasive Species Removal

Caroline Vilinskis

Self-Introduction

- Caroline Vilinskis
- Rising Junior at RHS
- Troop 19, former SPL
 - Fun Facts
 - I like to be outside and art/music
 - I have a brother named Thomas and a dog named Bosco
 - I play soccer at RHS



What this project entails

This project involves the removal of invasive species in order to restore the walls to their original state:

- Bittersweet
- multi flora rose
- garlic mustard
- Barberry

It will also include a field guide, which contains information on the importance of native species, history of the property/stone walls, ecology of the property [old field succession], and what species will be removed.

Tools required

- Shovels
- Loppers
- Hand saws
- Work gloves
- Wheelbarrows
- Rakes
- Gardening gloves
-

Supplies required

- Trash bags
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Sandwiches [lunch]
- First aid kit
- Water/cooler

- *No materials are needed as they include things that will become part of the finished product.

Other needs

- Field guide will need to be printed

Transportation

Each individual will bring their own tools and will be transported by parents or family. They will bring their own bug spray and gloves, but I will provide the other supplies.

Safety Hazards

Poison ivy, prickles, ticks, bees, sunburn, and tool injuries (saws and loppers) are safety issues. In order to prevent exposure to poison ivy and prickles, everyone should wear gloves. Sunscreen should be own, as well as bug spray, and caution will be taken when handling tools.

Extra Details

- Plan to interview the farmer currently leasing the land
 - Learn more of the economics of farming
- Field Guide
 - Invasive species, native species, history of property/stone walls
- Once the project is approved by the Unit Leader, Unit Committee, Beneficiary, and Council/District, I will plan more specific times.
Currently, I am hoping to start my project by August 22 and finish by August 31.



Thank you

