

## Nachusa Grasslands Workday Information

- Arrive at the Headquarters Barn located at 8772 S. Lowden Road in Franklin Grove before 9 a.m., dressed and ready to work. Expect to be done by noon.
- Training and equipment will be provided. Be sure to follow all safety procedures and directions from the steward in charge.
- Workdays may be cancelled due to temperatures below 15°, high winds, rain, deep snow, or icy roads. A scheduled workday may also not occur if a controlled burn is taking place.
- **College students:** If you are planning on attending a workday to earn extra credit or as a class requirement, please discuss your participation with your instructor. You do not need to telephone or email us to let us know you are coming.
- Check the Friends of Nachusa Grasslands Facebook page or website a few days before each workday ([www.nachusagrasslands.org](http://www.nachusagrasslands.org)) for proposed plans as well as cancellation information.
- **What to wear:**
  - For all workdays, wear long pants, sturdy footwear, socks, a hat, and work gloves.
  - During winter, wear adequate cold weather gear: heavy jacket, sweatshirt, long pants, boots, gloves, and a hat.
  - You may encounter multiflora rose and other thorny plants, so choose old clothing that you don't care about snagging.
  - For all work in wooded areas, eye wear is required. If you do not have eye wear, safety glasses will be provided to you.
  - For all tasks requiring the use of hand cutting tools (loppers, snips, scissors, bow saws, etc.), work gloves are required.
  - The steward in charge reserves the right to exclude anyone who is not suitably dressed or equipped for conditions.
- **What to bring:**
  - Bring a bottle of water, especially on hot days.
  - A mid-morning snack will be provided.
  - If you are coming for extra credit, bring the form or paper that the steward needs to sign. It is your responsibility to make sure this gets done.
  - Bring a lunch if you would like to join other volunteers, stewards, scientists, and crew members at noon.
- **From November through May, most Nachusa Grasslands workdays involve:**
  - Felling trees with chainsaws by trained sawyers
  - Lopping branches and shrubs
  - Applying herbicide
  - Dragging limbs and vines to brush piles
  - Burning brush piles when conditions permit
- **From June through October, most Nachusa Grasslands workdays involve:**
  - Collecting seeds, using scissors and snips
  - Pulling, digging, or clipping weeds
  - Applying herbicide