

Nachusa Grasslands Workday Information – Updated June 2, 2020

- COVID-19 Safety Protocols will be in effect for all volunteer activities until further notice.
- Sign up via SignUpGenius (www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945afa82baafb6-nachusa8) at least one day in advance.
- 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 sign up in advance.
- Check the Friends of Nachusa Grasslands Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Nachusa>) or website a few days before each workday (www.nachusagrasslands.org) for plans or cancellations.
- **What to wear:**
 - For all workdays, wear long pants, sturdy footwear, socks, a hat, and work gloves.
 - Face masks are required when gathering before the workday and when entering the Headquarters Barn to use the loft restrooms.
 - Masks are not required when participants are out in the field as long as they stay six feet apart.
 - Work gloves are required – bring your own.
 - 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.
 - The steward in charge reserves the right to exclude anyone who has not signed up in advance or is not suitably dressed or equipped for conditions.
- **What to bring:**
 - Bring a bottle of water and a snack (if you want one – food and drink will not be provided).
 - If you are coming for extra credit, bring the form or paper that the steward needs to sign.
 - Bring a lunch if you would like to picnic after the workday.
- **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