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BECOME A WEED WARRIOR ON APRIL 9!

Allegheny National Forest to Offer Certified Weed Warrior Program for 2009

Warren, Pa. – People interested in becoming a Certified Weed Warrior for the Allegheny National Forest (NF) are invited to participate in a **training session on Thursday, April 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Slater Room in the Warren Public Library. The training will include an introduction to invasive plants, their impacts on wildlife and other plants, identification, and control practices. The training will lead to certification as a **Weed Warrior** after participation in one of the upcoming Weed Warrior events.

Forest botanists have selected locations on the Allegheny NF where volunteers can work on their own to help control non-native invasive plants. People interested in becoming a Weed Warrior, but not able to attend the training on Thursday, April 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., may still learn about the Weed Warrior program by attending any of the Weed Warrior scheduled events. **Please register in advance by Thursday, April 2, 2009, for the Weed Warrior training at 814-728-6168 or amoore02@fs.fed.us** so the Forest Service can provide enough hand-out materials.

Weed Warrior scheduled events are as follows:

- Garlic Mustard Pull and Pot Luck Lunch at Buckaloons Recreation Area on Saturday, 4/18, in recognition of Earth Day; 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. Please bring a food dish to share.
- Purple Loosestrife Removal and Picnic Lunch at a place yet to be determined on Saturday, 7/12;
- Invasive Plant Pull and Pot Luck Lunch at the Buckaloons Recreation Area on Saturday, 9/26, National Public Lands Day; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring a food dish to share.
- Additional events may be added.

The public will be notified in advance for each event. Please contact April Moore at 814-728-6168 or amoore02@fs.fed.us for additional information or to register for an upcoming event.

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