



# Volunteer News

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## OSU College Forests

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### Forest Information:

#### • Downed Trees

Please contact us if you encounter down trees across trails and roads

#### • Roadside Spraying

Projected roadside spraying will take place around June 1st. This is weather and contractor dependent.

Welcome to the **second** newsletter of the OSU McDonald-Dunn College Forests volunteer and recreation program.

If you have any feedback please contact us, we are always pleased to hear from recreationists.

## Staff Introductions

As we move toward our summer season I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to the staff.

Hopefully you will have a chance to work with us at one of upcoming events. The staff working here is made up of myself and a handful of students. **Lets introduce you to them!**

**Jenn** is a horticulture student at LBCC and **Doug** is majoring Recreation Resource Management at OSU. **Martin** is a forestry student from Germany and is here through the summer and **Mike** has just graduated from Southern Oregon University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

I look forward to see many of you out in the forest this summer.

All the Best!  
Chris Jackson

Recreation Manager



Top row (left to right) Martin Klinger, Chris Jackson  
Bottom row (left to right) Jenn Rockwell, Doug White, Mike Murphy

# Volunteer T-Shirts For Sale

Proud of being a volunteer with McDonald-Dunn Forests?

Show it with one of your Volunteer T-Shirts!

- T-shirts are available in adult sizes small through extra-large.
- Youth larges are available in leaf green.

**Available for \$10.00 each**



**All proceeds go towards the OSU College Forests Recreation and Trails Program**



Volunteers working on Horse Trail, April 2008

## Appreciation....

Volunteer groups have been working on a couple of trails this spring to maintain and rebuild them. We want to just send a big thank you to those involved

### **Leadership Corvallis**

Built the connection from Forest Discovery Trail to the Peavy Arboretum Road.

### **Corvallis Trail Runners**

Cleared brush and repaired some of the trails before their 50k Ultra-marathon race.

### **Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET)**

Twenty volunteers came out to brush, repair and improve both Upper and Lower Horse trails.



Leadership Corvallis

**To all of you - Thank you for your work!**

# Familiar Faces



John McNair

Two of our dedicated volunteers are John McNair and Dick Oughton. Both spend a few hours of their spare time every week to improve the trails. Their recent efforts can be seen on the Intensive Management, Forest Discovery and CFIRP (College Forest Integrated Research Project) Trails. They have been laying rock, installing grade dips and water bars on these trails to improve surfacing and drainage.

Stop by and say hello if you see them out in the forest!



Dick Oughton

# Volunteer Schedule

Come join us at one of our 2008 volunteer days. Remember space is limited, so sign up soon!

This summer we have a lot of volunteer opportunities that any outdoor enthusiast would find to be both enjoyable and rewarding.

Contact us to sign up.

Groups sizes are 10 people and we work with all ages.

Call us for more information:

(541) 737-6702

## JUNE

Tuesday, June 24th

Thursday, June 26th

## JULY

Tuesday, July 8th

Saturday July 12th

Wednesday July 23rd

## AUGUST

Saturday, August 16th

Saturday, August 2nd

## Did You Know. . . .?

We are now in the second year of implementing our Invasive Plant Management Plan for the Forest (<http://www.cof.orst.edu/cf/forests/mcdonald/plan/>). From April through November you may see contractors on the forest spraying and mowing these plants, based on specialized treatment plans that target each plant when it is most vulnerable.

In late May and early June we are focused on meadow knapweed (*Centaurea pratensis*), a European native that out-competes grasses and other native prairie species. It thrives in meadows, pastures and forest openings. Our goal is to eliminate meadow knapweed from the roadsides and small openings where it has encroached, before it has the opportunity to move into remnant prairies throughout the forest.



For more information about invasive plants on the forest, contact Debbie Johnson at [debora.johnson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:debora.johnson@oregonstate.edu).



For questions regarding volunteer days, t-shirts or any other McDonald-Dunn Forest recreation-related topic, please contact Recreation Manager, Chris Jackson at:  
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