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**RE: Community Weed Pull Event**

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Invasive Plant Council's (NWIPC) Community Weed Pull Program. The goal of the program is to promote public awareness of invasive weeds and to control invasive plants on sensitive sites. To accomplish this goal the NWIPC asks community groups to hand pull weeds on sensitive infestation sites. The community group is then able to qualify for a \$250 honorarium in appreciation of their good work. Some of the target weed species include:

- Himalayan balsam
- Marsh plume thistle
- Spotted knapweed
- Common tansy
- Field scabious
- Leafy spurge
- Scotch broom
- Mountain bluet

A weed pull event is designed to be approximately three hours long consisting of a 20 minute weed identification talk, followed by weed pulling alternating as required with snack and water breaks. To qualify for the honorarium a community group should have a minimum of 10 adult volunteers participating in the Weed Pull. You can conduct a Weed Pull on a local site you have in mind, or request assistance from the NWIPC in finding an appropriate site in your area.

Volunteers will need to provide their own gloves, digging tools, garbage bags and appropriate water and snacks – contact the NWIPC if you require assistance providing the necessary equipment and supplies. The community group will also be responsible for their own first aid kit. Each Weed Pull site is selected with the safety of volunteers in mind, however this cannot insure against all accidents, thus each group must have \$2 million of liability insurance in place prior to the event.

To participate in a Weed Pull event, please complete the attached registration form and return it to the NWIPC Communications Coordinator at the address below for approval. If approved, the NWIPC will provide a representative to give the weed identification talk and provide direction. The honorarium cheque will be mailed after confirmation of the event and number of volunteers present.

Thank you for your interest!

Northwest Invasive Plant Council

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Tel: 250-566-3762 or Toll free: 1-866-44-WEEDS (please leave a detailed message)

Email: [projects@nwipc.org](mailto:projects@nwipc.org) Website: [www.nwipc.org](http://www.nwipc.org)

# Community Weed Pull Registration Form\*



\* To be completed the local community group

## Group Information

Group Name:	
Contact:	Email:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Date:	
Location (site, street, etc. town):	
Invasive plants to be pulled:	
Estimated number of adult volunteers*:	Children:
Does your group hold a minimum of \$2 million liability insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
How did your group hear about the Community Weed Pull?	

\* It is recommended there are a least one adult for every five children

## Group Coordinator Responsibilities

Min 10 adult volunteers	Long pants, long shirts	Pickup truck (if possible)
Liability insurance in place	Refreshments	Proper weed disposal
Proper shoes (no sandals)	Gloves & tools	First aid kit

## Honorarium

One \$250 honorarium a year per group is available. A minimum of 10 people must participate in the Weed Pull to receive the honorarium.

Honorarium cheque made out to:
Mailing address:

We commit to meeting the group requirements for a Community Weed Pull as listed above:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC) at [projects@nwipc.org](mailto:projects@nwipc.org) or phone 250-566-3762 for other options.