



Community Invasive Plant (CIPP) Pull Event

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Invasive Plant Council's (NWIPC) Community Invasive Plant Pull (CIPP) Program. The goal of the program is to promote public awareness of non-native invasive plants and to engage adults and youth in the control of invasive plants on sensitive sites (e.g., near water, where public may be impacted, eco-systems at risk). To accomplish this goal the NWIPC asks community groups to dig, hand pull and/or dead-head invasive plants on these sites. The group then qualifies for a \$250 honorarium in appreciation of their good work. Some suggestions for target plants are:

- Himalayan balsam
- Marsh plume thistle
- Spotted knapweed
- Common tansy
- Field scabious
- Canada thistle
- Dalmatian or common toadflax
- Mountain bluet

For other suggestions, contact the NWIPC. As some invasive species pose health concerns in terms of toxicity or irritation to the skin; we want to ensure the safety and well-being of the volunteers.

A CIPP event is designed to be approximately three hours long consisting of a 15 to 20-minute invasive plant identification talk and "how to", followed by pulling/digging along with snack and water breaks. **To qualify for the honorarium a community group should have a minimum of 10 adult volunteers participating.** You can conduct a CIPP on a local site you have in mind, or request assistance from the NWIPC in finding an appropriate site in your area.

Volunteers will provide their own gloves, digging and clipping (garden clippers) tools, heavy-duty 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. The site must be selected with the safety of volunteers in mind, however this cannot insure against all accidents. The community group must have \$2 million of liability insurance in place prior to the event.

To participate in a CIPP event, please complete the registration form (on back) and email it to the NWIPC at program_assistant@nwipc.org, for approval. If approved, the NWIPC will provide a representative to give the plant identification talk and provide direction. A cheque will be mailed after confirmation of the event and number of volunteers present.

Thank you for your interest!

Northwest Invasive Plant Council

Toll free: 1-866-449-3337 (leave a detailed message)

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Community Invasive Plant Pull Registration Form

To be completed by the primary contact for the local community group or the organization arranging for the Plant Pull. Examples of eligible groups – youth groups (4H, Scouts/Guides, etc.), local businesses, recreational groups.



Group Information

Group Name:	
Contact:	Email:
Telephone:	Cell:
Date of Event:	
Location (site, street, etc. town):	
Invasive plants to be pulled:	
Estimated number of adult volunteers*:	Estimated # of youth:
Does your group hold a minimum of \$2 million liability insurance? Yes No	
How did your group hear about the Community Invasive Plant Pull?	

** If youth (<12 years old) are participating, it is recommended there be a least one adult for every five children.*

Group Coordinator Responsibilities

Volunteers' Liability Insurance in place
Proper shoes (no sandals) First Aid kit

Long pants, long shirts
Refreshments
Gloves & tools (clippers, shears, shovels, etc)
"Contractor" weight large black plastic garbage bags

Pickup truck (if possible)
Arrangement for proper weed disposal

Honorarium

One \$250 honorarium a year per group is available. A minimum of 10 people must participate in the CIPP for the group to be eligible for the Honorarium.

Make honorarium cheque out to:
Mailing address:

We commit to meeting the group requirements for a Community Invasive Plant Pull as described in above:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit the completed form to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC) manager@nwipc.org.