

ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Summer 2009 Field Trip List

Here comes summer! As well as a calendar full of field trips, there are numerous work parties scheduled for the summer for both native plant garden enhancement and non-native weed-pulling. Please try and attend at least one. These efforts are fun and very important in helping to protect our native plant population by eradicating invasive non-native plants.

All information listed below can also be found on our webpage – www.aknps.org and should be checked for additional field trips throughout the summer. Always dress in layers and take some photos to share at our annual potluck the first Monday of October. Have a great summer!

SATURDAY MAY 23--NORTH BIVOUAC TRAIL

Meeting Place: Campbell Airstrip Road – drive up approx. to north trailhead (go past first trailhead)

Leader: Marilyn Barker afmhb@uaa.alaska.edu (please put ANPS in the subject line)

Time: 9 AM to 12-ish

Level of difficulty: Moderate, knee boots helpful.

Description: The walk begins in a woodland and leads to a pair of bog lakes. We should find interesting woodland plants as well as wetland plants -lots of orchids on the trail but we will be too early for blooming. Bring along binoculars - a pair of sand hill cranes can be seen up close.

FRIDAY, MAY 29 - CAMPBELL TRACT PLANT SURVEY

Leaders: Luise Woelflein and Marilyn Barker

Time: 6:30-9:30pm

Level: Moderate/knee boots

Contact Luise (lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov) for meeting location of each trip. (Be sure to put ANPS Trip in the subject line.)

Description: Help compile a more complete list of plants for the Campbell Tract. We'll be in search of orchids and other rarely seen plants in untraveled parts of the Tract, working off trail across uneven terrain and in potentially wet areas. Bring your knee boots and sense of adventure. Earns credit toward our required number of hours for the Science Center building rental discount. Dogs welcome but must be on leash for entire trip.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 - ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN,

LOWENFELS TRAIL

Leader: Verna Pratt **Email/Phone:**

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Place: Botanical Garden entrance

Level of Difficulty: easy

Minimum Age: 5

Driving directions: Turn south on Campbell Airstrip Road from Tudor Road. Turn left at Botanical garden sign (after the fire station). Park in school parking lot.

Description of trip: This is a weed-pulling trip; enjoy the native plants while digging out those that don't belong. We've made lots of progress here eradicating dandelions from the Jeff Lowenfels Family Nature Trail, but there are still some stray plants lurking around. Bring a dandelion digger, a kneeling pad and bug repellent.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 – TRAGOPOGON ERADICATION WORK PARTY, SEWARD HIGHWAY

Leader: Verna Pratt **Phone:**

Time Allotted: 2-3 hours

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Potter Section House parking lot (south end)

Driving Distance: south of Anchorage – approx. 8 miles

Level of Difficulty: moderate

Minimum Age: adults only

Description of trip: This is a weed warrior trip to eradicate *Tragopogon dubius*. We will carpool to our destinations. If we have enough people (many hands make light work), we will divide into two groups and park at the southbound pullouts at mile 105.9 and 104.3. This is an adult only trip as we will be working in a high traffic area. Wear rugged shoes (steep, uneven terrain), old clothes, gloves and bright colors if possible. This area can be windy. Most mature plants pull out but dandelion diggers are also useful. We have made great progress here, additional efforts will keep this plant from spreading.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER (CCSC) NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Leader: Luise Woelflein and CCSC Staff

Telephone: **Email:** lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov

Time Allotted: 4 hours

Meeting Time: 8:30 am

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Minimum Age: 18 unless accompanied by a parent

Description of Trip: Here's an opportunity to help us meet our obligation for reduced room rental fees for our monthly meetings at the Science Center. We'll be getting the gardens ready for summer. There will be pizza for everyone at 12:30 pm when the work is done.

Special Instructions: Do you have native plants – especially native plants that butterflies enjoy? If yes, please bring them to donate to the garden on this day and get them in the ground! Bring work gloves, hand tools, and knee pads if you have them. The Science Center will also have work gloves and hand tools available.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 - SUNDAY JUNE 7 – TRAPPER CREEK

Landowner: Gregory Kalal, DDS

Telephone: _____, Fax _____ email _____
gkalal@gci.net

Meeting time: 10am

Driving Distance: Mile 114.8 of the Parks Highway, about 1.5 miles in on gravel road

Description Mr. Kalal has 80 acres of land that is going to be cleared, he invites us to help ourselves to native plants. The land is mostly flat with a slough running through it. He will provide a map to anyone interested, please call ahead. It is possible to camp on the property overnight, no water or electricity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER

Leaders: Verna Pratt, Luise Woelflein, and CCSC Staff

Telephone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com or lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center, from Lake Otis turn East on 68th, drive to end, go right onto Elmore and then take the very first left (follow signs).

Level of Difficulty: Easy **Minimum Age:** 18

Description of Trip: This work effort goes towards meeting our obligation to the Science Center for monthly room use. Please try to help on one of these work parties this summer. This is a great community service and the gardens are much improved.

Special Instructions: Bring work gloves, hand tools, and knee pads if you have them.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 - ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN,

LOWENFELS NATURE TRAIL

Leader: Verna Pratt

Email/Phone:

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Place: Botanical Garden entrance

Level of Difficulty: easy

Minimum Age: 5

Driving directions: Turn south on Campbell Airstrip Road from Tudor Road. Turn left at Botanical garden sign (after the fire station). Park in school parking lot.

Description of trip: See June 3 for full details.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 – TRAGOPOGON ERADICATION WORK PARTY, SEWARD HIGHWAY

Leader: Verna Pratt

Phone:

Time Allotted: 2.5 hours

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Potter Section House parking lot (south end)

Driving Distance: south of downtown Anchorage – approx. 8 miles

Level of Difficulty: moderate

Minimum Age: adults only

Description of trip: see June 4 description.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 – GUNSIGHT MOUNTAIN

Leader: Anjanette Steer

Phone:

Email: anj@ak.net

Time Allotted: 5-7 hours

Meeting Time: 10 am Saturday

Meeting Place: Sheep Mountain Lodge parking lot, mile 113.5 Glenn Highway

Driving Distance: approximately 114 miles from Anchorage, allow 2.5-3 hours driving time. From Anchorage take the Glenn Highway north, follow signs to Palmer, continue on Glenn Highway through Palmer another 65 miles to Sheep Mountain Lodge. Expect some road construction delays at mile 92.

Level of Difficulty: moderate/difficult **Minimum Age:** 16

Description of trip: We'll climb up approximately 1,500 feet in elevation, enjoying the blooming alpine wildflowers. Getting to the summit of Gunsight is not the ultimate goal; we'll mosey along the tundra making a loop back to the starting point.

Special Instructions: Bring sturdy hiking shoes, warm clothes (avoid cotton) including hat and gloves, and rain gear. Lunch, water and binoculars are also needed. Please call the leader ahead to let her know to expect you. Our starting point is 1 mile from the lodge (gravel pit across from Majestic Valley Lodge).

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 – ARCTIC VALLEY

Leader: Verna Pratt

Phone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com

Time Allotted: all day (6 hours +)

Meeting Time: 9am

Meeting Place: Fred Meyer – Muldoon Road, South end of parking lot under Fred Meyers sign (Debarr Road). Regroup at Arctic Valley Ski area parking lot 9:30am.

Level of Difficulty: moderate

Minimum age: 8

Description of trip: We'll view wildflowers in the valley, there are great meadow plants and alpins and a scenic 360 degree outlook.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28 – SHEEP MOUNTAIN AREA TRAILS

Leader: Anjanette Steer

Phone:

Email: anj@ak.net

Time Allotted: 3- 4 hours

Meeting Time: 12:30pm Sunday

Meeting Place: Sheep Mountain Lodge parking lot, mile 113.5 Glenn Highway

Driving Distance: about 114 miles from Anchorage, allow 2.5-3 hours driving time. Take the Glenn Highway north, follow signs to Palmer, continue on Glenn Highway through Palmer another 65 miles to Sheep Mountain Lodge. Expect some road construction delays at mile 92.

Level of Difficulty: easy - moderate **Minimum Age:** 8

Description of trip: We'll enjoy blooming meadows of wildflowers at their peak along established trails. Alpine plants can be viewed by hiking further up the hillside.

Special Instructions: Bring sturdy hiking shoes, warm clothes (avoid cotton) including hat and gloves, and rain gear. Snacks, water and binoculars are also needed. Call the leader ahead so she knows to expect you.

MONDAY, JUNE 29 - CAMPBELL TRACT PLANT SURVEY

Leaders: Luise Woelflein and Marilyn Barker

Time: 6:30-9:30pm

Level: Moderate

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Special gear: Knee boots

Description: Come help compile a more complete list of plants for the Campbell Tract. We'll be in search of orchids and other rarely seen plants in the untraveled parts of the Tract. We'll be working off trail across uneven terrain and in potentially wet areas. Bring your knee boots and sense of adventure. We'll also be earning credit toward our required number of hours for the Science Center building rental discount. Dogs welcome but must be on leash for entire trip.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER

Leaders: Verna Pratt, Luise Woelflein, and CCSC Staff

Telephone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com or lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 10am

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center, from Lake Otis turn East on 68th, drive to end, go right onto Elmore and then take the very first left (follow signs).

Level of Difficulty: Easy **Minimum Age:** 18

Description of Trip: See June 16 for full descrip. of this native plant garden work party.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 - ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN, LOWENFELS NATURE TRAIL

Leader: Verna Pratt

Email/Phone:

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Place: Botanical Garden entrance

Level of Difficulty: easy

Minimum Age: 5

Driving directions: Turn south on Campbell Airstrip Road from Tudor Road. Turn left at Botanical garden sign (after the fire station). Park in school parking lot.

Description of trip: See June 3 for full details.

THURSDAY, JULY 2 – TRAGOPOGON ERADICATION WORK PARTY, SEWARD HIGHWAY

Leader: Verna Pratt

Phone:

Time Allotted: 2.5 -3 hours

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Potter Section House parking lot (south end)

Driving Distance: south of downtown Anchorage – approx. 8 miles

Level of Difficulty: moderate

Minimum Age: adults only

Description of trip: See June 4 for full description of this weed warrior trip.

TUESDAY, JULY 14 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER

Leaders: Verna Pratt, Luise Woelflein, and CCSC Staff

Telephone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com or lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center, from Lake Otis turn East on 68th, drive to end, go right onto Elmore and then take the very first left (follow signs).

Level of Difficulty: Easy **Minimum Age:** 18

Description of Trip: See June 16 for full description.

THURSDAY, JULY 16 – TRAGOPOGON ERADICATION WORK PARTY, SEWARD HIGHWAY

Leader: Verna Pratt

Phone:

Time Allotted: 2.5 hours

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Potter Section House parking lot (south end)

Driving Distance: south Anchorage – approx. 8 miles

Level of Difficulty: moderate

Minimum Age: adults only

Description of trip: This is a weed warrior trip to eradicate *Tragopogon dubius*. We will carpool to our destinations. See June 4 for full description.

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - TURNAGAIN PASS

Leader: Verna Pratt **Email/Phone:**

Time Allotted: 8 hours

Meeting Time: about 11:00am at the trailhead, 9am in South Anchorage

Meeting Place: Northbound (east) parking area in the pass. Meet at Carrs Huffman parking lot (southwest corner) at 9am for carpooling.

Level of Difficulty: easy

Minimum Age: none.

Driving directions: Take the Seward Highway south to Turnagain Pass (approx. 68 miles south of Anchorage). Park on other side (east) of highway (going towards Anchorage). We'll explore hemlock forests and wet fens along a fairly new trail. Also, bring lunch, water and sturdy hiking boots (they may get wet).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 – ALASKA BOTANICAL GARDEN – LOWENFELS TRAIL

Leader: Verna Pratt

Telephone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com

Time Allotted: 2.5 hours

Meeting Time: 7 pm to 9 pm

Meeting Place: Entrance to Botanical Garden (Across from Benny Benson school)

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Minimum Age: 6

Description of Trip: See June 3 for full description.

TUESDAY, JULY 28 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER,

Leaders: Verna Pratt, Luise Woelflein, and CCSC Staff

Telephone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com or lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 10am

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center, from Lake Otis turn East on 68th, drive to end, go right onto Elmore and then take the very first left (follow signs).

Level of Difficulty: Easy **Minimum Age:** 18

Description of Trip: See June 16 for full description.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER,

Leaders: Verna Pratt, Luise Woelflein, and CCSC Staff

Telephone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com or lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov

Time Allotted: 2 hours

Meeting Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center, from Lake Otis turn East on 68th, drive to end, go right onto Elmore and then take the very first left (follow signs).

Level of Difficulty: Easy **Minimum Age:** 18

Description of Trip: See June 16 for full description.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER

Leader: Verna Pratt, Luise Woelflein, and CCSC Staff

Telephone:

Email: verna@alaskakrafts.com or lwoelfle@ak.blm.gov

Time Allotted: 3 hours

Meeting Time: 10 am to 1 pm

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Minimum Age: 18

Description of Trip: Each year the Alaska Native Plant Society receives a reduction in room rental fees for our meetings by contributing a certain number of volunteer hours to the Center. Come help us meet this obligation! See June 16 for full description.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CTR., NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Meeting Place: Campbell Creek Science Center, Anchorage

Level of Difficulty: easy

Minimum Age: 18, unless accompanied by an adult

Meeting Time: 8:30am

Description of trip: Come help with fall clean-up, trail projects and revegetation efforts. We'll be putting final touches on the gardens for the fall and getting them ready for winter. There will be pizza for everyone at 12:30 pm when the work is done.

Wear boots, bring gloves, warm clothes and rain gear. The Science Center will also have work gloves and hand tools available.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 – ANNUAL POTLUCK, CAMPBELL CREEK SCIENCE CENTER – 6PM

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SCHEDULED EVENTS -**

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