

Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests

Adopt-a-Forest

Spring 2007 Newsletter

Need to contact us?

☎ Call the DNR at 989-275-5151 x 2049 or USFS at 1-800-821-6263;

✉ E-mail us at cleanforests@cleanforests.org;

📄 Send a note to Adopt-a-Forest, 8717 North Roscommon Rd,
Roscommon, MI 48653; or

🌐 Find us at www.cleanforests.org

There are currently 1,094 known illegal dumpsites in Michigan. Soon, trash site lists will be sent out to volunteers and community corrections offices asking for help. If you'd like to know where trash sites are in your area, visit <http://www.cleanforests.org/search2.shtml> and type in your county, township or other search criteria. You can also contact Ada Takacs at 989-275-5151, Ext. 2049 to receive a list through the mail.

Strategic Plan, Item #5

"Make progress reports more readily available to volunteers."

We include blank progress reports with all mailings including this newsletter twice each year.

Volunteers can also fill out a progress report electronically by visiting our website at www.cleanforests.org under Interactive, Progress Report Forms.

If you have an idea of how we can make reporting cleanups easier, let us know!



Congrats to the
**Two-Trackers
4WD Club**
(Muskegon County)!

They were recently nominated by the US Forest Service for a *Take Pride in America Award*.

Awards are given for outstanding stewardship of public lands to honor those who protect or enhance public parks, forests, grasslands, wildlife refuges, cultural and historical sites, playgrounds or other recreation areas.

This year, 94 Two-Trackers cleaned up 100 cubic yards of trash including 675 tires and 50,000 pounds of shingles.

Good luck during the selection process and THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

Going Once...

Going Twice... SOLD!

The Upper Peninsula Clean Forest Coalition is coordinating their 10th annual cleanup this year. Much of the planning over the years included soliciting local businesses for financial support.

Rudy Johnson, the group's energetic leader, told us they tried something different last year; and it was a huge success. They held an auction! Items ranging from dinners to golf packages were auctioned off.

Rudy said it was a lot easier to raise funds this way and everyone had fun outbidding each other.

Many thanks to last year's sponsors:

- Newberry Country Club
- Bay Mills Resort & Casino
- SSM Municipal Golf
- Kincheloe Memorial Golf Course
- Louisiana Corporation (Newberry)
- Newberry Wood Enterprises
- Roxane's M-28 Diner
- Maple Ridge
- Hulbert Hills Motel
- Pickleman's 1-Stop
- Travelers Motel
- Tahquamenon Brewery
- Mark's Tire
- Bay Mart
- Brim-Cor
- Bay Mills Twp
- Chippewa Twp

We have a large supply of **Clean Forests posters**. If you would like to post some in your area, please contact Ada at 989-275-5151, ext. 2049 or takacs@michigan.gov



The Northern Lower Chapter of the Michigan Geocaching Organization (MiGO) is going high-tech during their Roscommon County cleanup. They'll be using the Global Positioning System (GPS) and software called Geocaching Swiss Army Knife to track trash sites.

Coordinates and descriptions will be entered from trash site reports, allowing sites to be viewed in nearly any mapping program. The program will track what's there and how difficult the terrain is; giving them an idea of how difficult the cleanup will be.

On the day of the event, rather than giving volunteers a few sites on a list, they can upload the entire cleanup event onto a GPS or PDA. Volunteer leaders will be checking in with cell phones donated by Basic Communications (Houghton Lake) and, if they are done or need more help, will be redirected to hotspots.

Chad Lytle, Regional Vice President of the Northern Lower Chapter of MiGO, said "We haven't been looking for a cache since we started working [with Adopt-a-Forest]... we are having just as much fun hunting trash sites as we do finding most caches."

The Northern Lower Chapter of MiGO has been working hard for months scouting sites and soliciting donations to support their cleanup. Waste Management, Inc. will be donating dumpsters and MiGO is sponsoring a hotdog picnic for volunteers after the cleanup.

We very much appreciate their efforts and continued support!

To participate in the Roscommon County cleanup on June 16, 2007, contact Chad Lytle at sleepyweasel@verizon.net or 989-821-4070.

Upcoming Events!

Chippewa/Mackinac Counties

UP Clean Forest Coalition

May 18 & 19, 2007

Hiawatha Forest Cleanup

Contact Rudy at 906-420-2325 for more information.

Lapeer County

Sacred Birch Society

May 20, 2007

Meet at the Camp Store parking lot in the Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area, noon to ?

Contact sacredbirch@charter.net for more information.

Ogemaw/Iosco County

8th Annual Jose Lake Forest Cleanup

June 2, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Sign in and meet at the Jose Lake Store/Resort
7065 Jose Lake Rd

South Branch, Michigan 48761

989-257-3313

Presque Isle County

Ocqueoc River Watershed Commission

May 19 & 20, 2007

Contact takacs@mi.gov or 989-275-5151 x 2049 for more information.

Roscommon County

Northern Lower Chapter of MI Geocaching Org

June 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Rotary Pavilion across from the Denton Twp Ball Fields. Contact Chad Lytle at 989-821-4070 for more information.

Watch for cleanups in your area:

www.cleanforests.org/upcomingevents



TREAD LIGHTLY



The stewardship message on Michigan's Off-Road Vehicle Guide will include a new message on the next reprint...

"Vandalism and littering costs tax dollars and reduces trail riding opportunities."

This is a great way to spread our message to many users of our public lands!