



*The “pruning militia” sets out in Blossom Corner. Photo : Hannah Legault*

## Invasive Species Eradication Party

**Tomorrow Friday, June 7, 9 – 11 am**

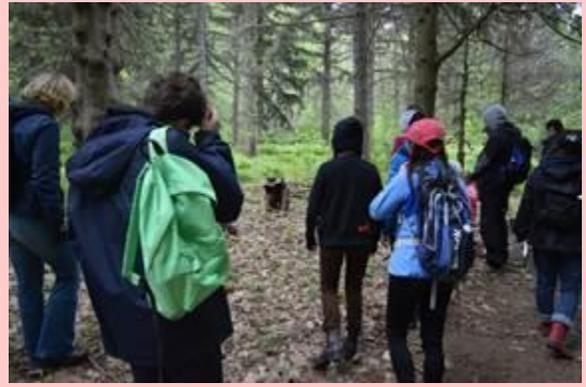
The Arboretum is hosting a “Garlic Mustard Pulling-Party” (which is just as fun as it sounds). Join some of our “garlic-seasoned” Invasive Species Eradication Volunteers as we take a stand against the invasive species in the Arboretum. These tap-root plants are much more satisfying and less difficult to pull up than dandelion roots. If you are interested in spending sometime outside and helping keep the Arboretum native and beautiful, join us in the Conservation Centre parking lot tomorrow at 9 am.

[More about Garlic Mustard](#)



*Jewelweed can be used as an alternative to soap in a pinch – Sarah demonstrates the suds.*

*Photo : Hannah Legault*



*The group followed Sarah through a variety of ecosystems, learning what plants can be useful.*

*Photo : Hannah Legault*



*Sarah explains the difference between conifer trees while leading the group along the Black Trail.*

*Photo : S.LEE.K Photography*



*The tour got the chance to learn about the Eastern Garter Snake, a harmless native species.*

*Photo : Hannah Legault*

## Recap – Survival in the Wild: Useful Plants

A group of 20 met at the Conservation Centre at 10 am on Saturday morning to enjoy a 3 hour guided walk with Sarah Dixon. Although the weather cooperated for the group, the cool spring made some of the plants an adventure to find! The first stop on the tour featured the Jewelweed – an herbaceous plant that can be used as a soap replacement. The tour continued through several other stations while Sarah explained both the useful plants as well as steps to help orient yourself and find signs of human presence in emergencies. A surprise visit from an Eastern Garter Snake gave Sarah the opportunity to familiarize the group with this harmless species. On a brief break, Sarah treated the group to some delicious cold-brewed coffee and iced tea, while demonstrating the various items that could be useful to keep in a survival kit (and how to keep them dry).

Once again this workshop proved both interesting, useful and popular and we are looking forward to host it again next year! Sarah's next tour, **"What's in this Pond"** takes place on **Saturday July 27 from 10 am - 12 pm**. Take part in this fun and educational activity on your own, or as a family and explore life in the pond at the Arboretum.

**Reservations are required, please call the Gatehouse if you are interested: 514-398-7811.**

[More details](#)

## Défi Boréal Cross-country Run

**This Saturday, June 8, 8 - 11 am**, the Arboretum will be hosting the 41st edition of the Défi Boréal de Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, a cross-country run. Please note that due to the great number of participants we are anticipating some delays entering into the Arboretum. The run will be taking place on the Orange Trail, therefore, **we ask that all dogs be on a leash** during this period and we encourage dog walkers to take the Yellow or Red Trails rather than the Orange Trail. Drivers are asked to go very slowly on the entrance road to decrease dust and make a safer environment for runners. Thank you in advance.



*The Bellevue Observatory (located next to the second parking lot). Photo : Morrie Portnoff*

## Reminder: The Summer Night Sky

**Saturday, June 8, 8 - 11 pm**

A reminder that the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) is hosting a Summer Night Sky discovery evening this coming Saturday. Youssef Bestravos will be giving a one-hour talk, followed by outdoor observation. Weather permitting, the Bellevue Observatory and other telescopes from RASC members will be made available to event-goers to enjoy the summer night sky.

Although reservations are not required, the doors open at 7:30 pm and we recommend coming early to avoid interrupting the talk, which begins at 8 pm.

[Details](#)

[Facebook Event](#)



*A Blackburnian Warbler, spotted on May 22, 2019, by Tom Kingsbury*

## We are Processing the Memberships... please wait!

We have been receiving many follow-up emails and calls regarding membership renewal: we appreciate your renewal contribution and your diligence in ensuring we have received it. Memberships are being processed slowly but steadily. Remember that the month of June is a grace period for renewing members: if you have not received your 2019-2020 decal yet, ***the blue decal from 2018-2019 continues to be valid until you have received the new one.*** Those who have sent their contribution should receive their package by the end of June.

## Reminder about Ticks

To protect yourself and your dog from tick bites, please follow the precautions listed in our [tick guide](#). For additional information or to report a tick, visit [etick.ca](http://etick.ca).



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