



**National Days of Service**  
October 22-23, 2009  
During National FFA Convention  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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*All of the following events have two shifts per day: 8:30 a.m. – Noon and 1 – 4:30 p.m.*

**Bradford Woods** - (Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23)

**Description:** This project will have two areas of focus: removal of invasive, non-native plant species and trail maintenance. Invasive, non-native plants such as Russian olive, Autumn olive, Bush honeysuckle and Japanese honeysuckle are spread throughout Bradford Woods' 2,500 acres. Once these non-natives have been established, they often choke out and prevent the growth of native shrubs, trees, and wildflowers, thus having a negative effect on both native plants and animal communities. The second focus area, trail maintenance, is important for both the health of the land and safety of trail users. Bradford Woods has rolling hills and many steep trails. The addition or replacement of steps and waterbars will assist in the prevention of hillside erosion and will redirect runoff.

**Gleaners** (Friday, Oct. 23)

**Description:** Participants will have the opportunity to learn about hunger as well as volunteer in critical service areas within the food bank. Gleaners Food Bank depends on more than 500 volunteers each month to carry out the programs of the food bank. Groups will participate in an informational and educational session that will include a tour of Gleaners' 83,000-square-foot warehouse. FFA volunteers will also work in one of two areas: the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) area and/or Salvage recovery area. CSFP volunteering will entail assembling cardboard boxes and filling them with 40 pounds of USDA food for seniors participating in the CSFP program.

**Habitat for Humanity** (Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23)

**Description:** Habitat for Humanity NDoS participants will work with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis to construct three homes in a one block area. This service-learning project will support three families in their goal to earn their home. Participants will learn about the mission of Habitat, which is to provide home ownership for very low income families. They also will learn about Habitat's education classes and mentoring and community service programs. Participants will learn how Habitat builds homes with total volunteer labor and how they can do this in their home community.

**Indy Parks** (Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23)

**Description:** Since 2006, Indy Parks has partnered with the National FFA Day of Service to restore and enhance riparian corridors within Indianapolis/Marion County. This year's service-learning project is a continuation of past efforts to restore our riparian corridors, but also includes several small projects that focus on the historic preservation of the hardscaping (i.e., stone walls and terraces) of one of our older family centers. It will be held at Brookside Park and includes removing invasive-exotic vegetation along Pogue's Run, planting trees in Memorial Grove, and installing shrubs in existing shrub beds. The project also includes having students





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work with staff in the restoration of some historic retaining walls, terraces and other historic hardscaping near the Brookside Family Center, which was constructed in 1928.

**Jameson Camp** (Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23)

**Description:** This project will consist of the removal of hundreds of invasive honeysuckle plants and undesirable small trees that are taking over wooded acreage on Camp property. Much of it is established woodland that is being overrun by Bush Honeysuckle and other invasives. We also will be developing a new trail through acreage currently being reclaimed from decades of crop growth.

**Maplelawn Farmstead** (Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23)

**Description:** Service-learning projects fulfilled by NDoS participants at Maplelawn in 2007 drew the attention of the Historical Society of Zionsville. Subsequently funding was provided for Maplelawn's first summer day camp for third, fourth, and fifth graders (experience "life on the farm") as well as Maplelawn's first membership drive. This year's (2009) NDoS participants will assist with the following educational restoration activities:

- Fence installation
- Barn windows
- Small farm building repairs
- Small farm building roofing (with scaffolding)
- General landscaping (paths, drains, leave, shrubs)
- Paint projects
- Farmhouse floor and window refinishing
- Building shelves
- Furniture/artifact restoration and refinishing

