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our newest impoundments, developed in 2006. On June 22, 2007, volunteer Les Roslund, while monitoring blue-bird boxes, observed over 100 Wood Ducks, including at least 80 ducklings, utilizing this new habitat. We hope each year will build on these successes.

The 2007 volunteer monitors were Dave Godfrey, Dave Reinecke, Jim Thompson, Carolyn Helmsley and family, Erney Maher, and Beth Wasden, volunteer coordinator.

If you missed the February 16 orientation but would like to volunteer as a Wood Duck box monitor in 2008, please contact Beth at 410.822.4903, x26, or by emailing her at [dwasden@pickeringcreek.org](mailto:dwasden@pickeringcreek.org).



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## Upcoming Volunteer Events- Mark your Calendar!

### Hedera helix or English Ivy



### Invasives Eradication Workdays

Saturdays, March 22 and May 17 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The best two-hour workout in town. Trade the gym interior for the beauty and serenity of the great outdoors. We will be targeting and eradicating English ivy and periwinkle from the waterfront.

These workdays are perfect for those needing service learning hours, for family members who want to volunteer together, and for anyone who wants to get hands-on with some of the most infamous Bay invaders.

### All Dirty Hands on Deck Garden Training and Workday

Saturday, March 29 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Get hands-on with Pickering Creek's Children's Imagination Garden as staff and volunteers lead a working training. We'll be pruning, digging, plugging, clipping, and pulling on an early spring Saturday.

### Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Saturday, April 5, 2008 6:00 p.m.

An old fashioned PIG ROAST with trimmings for all of the adults who contributed countless hours to the centers conservation and education efforts. For those about to rock, we salute you.

### LIFE Sessions at Pickering Creek

Wednesdays, April 2 and April 9 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Curious about Legacy Institute for the Environment (LIFE)? Want to learn more about the ecology of the Eastern Shore, birds and their habitat, and the role of the "citizen scientist?" Join Pickering Creek staff, LIFE members, and guest speakers. Open to Pickering Creek volunteers and prospective volunteers.

### Earth Day Workday

Sunday, April 20

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth by spending the day outdoors with Pickering Creek staff and volunteers! Last year, over 80 of your neighbors helped us tackle the big jobs—including greenhouse demolition and construction projects. Join us this year, as we get things done with your help! You provide the enthusiasm. We'll provide lunch, goodies, work gloves, and service projects.

### National Volunteer Week

Tuesday, April 29-Saturday, May 3, 2008

TBD

Spring is in the air. So is service. We invite Pickering volunteers, local businesses, organizations, and schools to get outside and to celebrate the spirit of service as we prep the garden for the growing season and perform other maintenance projects.

### National Trails Day

Saturday, June 7 Service project from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Full schedule TBD

What does a trail opening, a service project, and a paddle down Pickering Creek have in common? They're all part of our second annual National Trails Day!

### Dog Days Workdays

Thursdays beginning June 26

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Summertime-forget about the cotton-and the weeds are high. Two hours of your time can make a huge difference in the summer. Every week, we'll perform different maintenance projects.

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Keep an eye on the Pickering Creek website for more information about these events and other upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Contact Beth Wasden, volunteer coordinator, at 410.822. 4903, x26 or by emailing her at [dwasden@pickeringcreek.org](mailto:dwasden@pickeringcreek.org) to register for these events or for more information.