



## Work Parties Winter 2024

Dane, Columbia, Sauk, &  
eastern Iowa Counties

“Preserving and maintaining our prairie and savanna heritage”

Help is needed this winter with: - **tree/brush removal & brush pile burning**

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing for the weather (dress in layers). For burning brush piles, wear old clothes you do not mind getting small holes in from fire brands. Do not wear synthetic fabrics near burn piles, they ignite too easily. Wear sturdy footwear and work gloves. Bring drinking water. Chainsaw operators with their own equipment are welcome, but you must have safety chaps and headgear. Bring pruners or loppers, if you have them, otherwise they will be provided.

Winter work parties are dependent on weather & snow conditions; snow need/tolerance varies depending upon activity planned. Therefore, **check with contact person the night before to confirm status of the event.**

**Jan. 7** (Sun) – Mounds View  
**Jan. 10** (Wed) – Mounds View  
**Jan. 13** (Sat) – Mounds View  
**Jan. 14** (Sun) – Agaski  
**Jan. 14** (Sun) – Erbe Grassland  
**Jan. 17** (Wed) – Mounds View  
**Jan. 19** (Fri) – Swenson Bluff  
**Jan. 20** (Sat) – Moely Prairie  
**Jan. 22** (Mon) – Mounds View  
**Jan. 27** (Sat) – Mounds View  
**Jan. 31** (Wed) – Mounds View

**Feb. 3** (Sat) – Swenson Bluff  
**Feb. 3** (Sat) – Erbe Grassland  
**Feb. 4** (Sun) – Agaski  
**Feb. 8** (Thur) – Swenson Bluff  
**Feb. 11** (Sun) – Mounds View  
**Feb. 17** (Sat) – Mounds View  
**Feb. 17** (Sat) – Moely Prairie  
**Feb. 22** (Thur) – Swenson Bluff  
**Feb. 24** (Sat) – Kalscheur  
**Feb. 25** (Sat) – Mounds View  
**Mar. 16** (Sat) – Moely Prairie

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**Agaski** (SW of Arena)

**Contact:** Eric Preston at 415-235-4182 (call or text) or email ericwpreston@gmail.com

**Jan. 14** (Sun.) – 12:00 to 3:00. Cedar tree removal. Burn brush piles.

**Feb. 4** (Sun.) – 12:00 to 3:00. Cedar tree removal. Burn brush piles.

**Erbe Grassland** (SW of Mt. Horeb)

**Contact:** Erik Goplin (608-437-4879; egoplin@mhtc.net)

**Jan. 14** (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

**Feb. 3** (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

**Kalscheur Savanna** (South of Hollandale)

**Contact:** Pat Handrick (patrick.handrick@gmail.com; (608) 354-3467 (texting preferred)

**Feb. 24** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees/brush. Burn brush piles.

**Moely Prairie** (Prairie du Sac)

**Contact:** Paul Anderson (608-712-9552)

**Jan. 20** (Sat.) – 9:00 AM to Noon. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

**Feb. 17** (Sat.) – 9:00 AM to Noon. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

**Mar. 16** (Sat.) – 9:00 AM to Noon. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

**Mounds View Grassland (Schurch-Thomson Pr, Shea Pr, Hanley Add.)** (S of Blue Mounds)

**Contact:** Rich Henderson (608-845-7065; tpe.rhenderson@tds.net)

**Jan. 7** (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 10** (Wed.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 13** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 17** (Wed.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 22** (Mon.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 27** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Jan. 31** (Wed.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Feb. 11** (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Feb. 17** (Sat.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Feb. 25** (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

**Swenson Bluff Prairie** (SW of Arena)

**Contact:** Scott Sauer (608-772-3539; scottbsauer@yahoo.com)

**Jan. 19** (Fri.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

**Feb. 3** (Sat.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

**Feb. 8** (Thur.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

**Feb. 22** (Thur.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

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## Directions:

**Agaski** (7352 Mellum Rd., Arena) From Highway 14 just west of Arena turn south on Highway H. Go 2.5 miles and turn left/east on Mellum Road. In 0.2 miles turn left at the first driveway you come to. Park at the end by the camper or along the driveway. Do not block the neighbors who share the driveway. The blue house is the neighbor..

**Erbe Grassland** From Mt. Horeb, take US Hwy 18/151 west for 2 miles. Turn south (left) on Erbe Road. Meet at the preserve’s parking lot and kiosk, which is 0.7 miles south on Erbe Road on the right.

**Kalscheur Savanna** From Hollandale (SE Iowa Co.), drive 2 miles south on CTH K. Watch for cars parked along the road near 596 County Road K - this address is the neighbors’ house across the street from the TPE access easement. Park as far as possible off the road. Look for the Prairie Enthusiasts sign at the start of the access easement next to the highway. Head downhill from there, following the cleared corridor and the Prairie Enthusiasts signs. At the bottom of the hill, cross the footbridge, then you should be able to see and hear the workers on the site.

**Moely Prairie** From Hwy 12 (east of Prairie du Sac) turn east onto Hwy PF. After passing the prairie on your right, take a right onto 21st St, a right onto Fullerton Dr, a left on Billings Ave, and then a right onto Alban La. Park at the dead end and enter the prairie from there.

**Mounds View Grasslands** 8624 Reilly Rd, Barneveld. From the intersection of US Hwy 18-151 and County F (south of Blue Mounds in western Dane County), take F approximately 5 miles south. Turn right onto Reilly Road, and proceed to barn at the end of the road. (Note: 1/2 mile down F from 18-151, pay close attention to the road signs, for F turns to the right & the straight ahead becomes County Z. Stay on F.)

**Swenson Bluff Prairie** From Hwy 14, 1.5 mi west of Arena, take Co H south. Go 1.9 mi. The preserve is on the left (east side of road).

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