



CENTURY WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



# Let's Pull Together!

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*Participants in last year's Let's Pull Together event near Cascade Middle School.*

## COMMUNITY-WIDE WEED PULLING EVENT

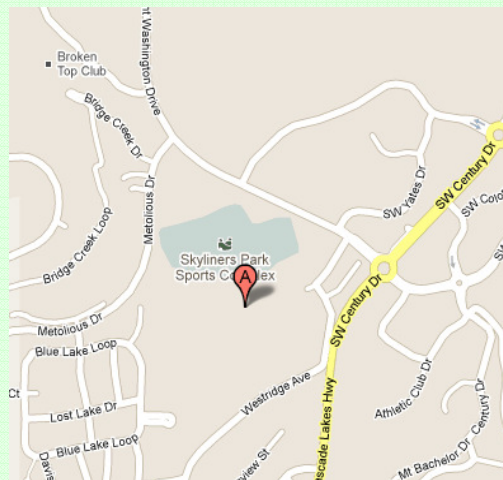
Saturday, June 8, 2013—Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Cascade Middle School

Join us for this annual region-wide event that brings the neighbors together to help control noxious weeds in our neighborhoods. The event is sponsored in part by the neighborhood associations of Bend, with a common goal of improving our community.

If you love the beautiful nature surrounding us here in Central Oregon, please help preserve it by joining this community event on **Saturday, June 8, 2013, at 9:00 am**, followed by a scrumptious picnic at noon for all those who participated in the event. Catering is provided by Café Yumm, and lively entertainment by Box Car String Band.

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Don't forget to bring your own gloves, sun screen and a positive attitude to the weed pull!



### Location Details

The Cascade Middle School is located on Mountaineer Way, just off of Mt. Washington Drive, near the Reed Market/Century Dr roundabout.

**For more information on the event, go to:  
[www.letspulltogether.com](http://www.letspulltogether.com) or contact:**

*Dan Sherwin, Deschutes County Weed Control,  
Tel. 541-322-7135*

*Cheryl Howard, LPT Project Coordinator,  
Tel. 541-610-3309*

## Why pull noxious weeds?

- Noxious weeds are non-native invasive species which threaten our ecosystem.
- They crowd out native plants, starve wildlife, use water and create allergens.
- Noxious weeds provide tremendous ladder fuel, which during wildfires, can radically increase the speed and fury at which wildfires burn.
- Weed-infested ground costs us money—in more expensive agricultural (=food) costs, tax money used toward eradicating and controlling noxious weeds, and decreasing property values.
- And yes...they are trying to take over Oregon!

## The Plan.

The focus in our area is on eradicating Spotted Knapweed and Dalmatian Toadflax (see photos) located in our own neighborhoods. Your Century West Neighborhood Association will set up a meeting place at the Cascade Middle School parking lot. Children, youth & adults are all welcome and encouraged to participate—no experience necessary!

We will help you identify the correct weeds to pull, and provide bags, gloves & water. We will also direct the participants to the free picnic afterwards organized by the Let's Pull Together Committee, lead by *Cheryl Howard*, LPT Coordinator. The noxious weed bags will be picked up at Cascade after the event, or can also be brought to the picnic (please fill them only 1/2 full for easier carrying).



*Spotted Knapweed*



*Dalmatian Toadflax*

## NOXIOUS WEEDS ARE:

- **Non-native** aggressive plants brought to the U.S. accidentally or on purpose
- **Mainly from Europe and Asia**
- **Invading** vast areas across the West
- **Invading Deschutes County**
- **Costing Oregon** citizens about \$100 million per year (Or. Dept. of Ag.)
- **Increasing soil erosion**
- **Robbing** native plants of water, nutrients and light
- **Reducing habitat for wildlife**
- **Potentially toxic** to humans and other animals
- **Decreasing available livestock forage**
- **Degrading** recreation areas
- **Invading croplands and pastures**