Cincinnati Parks Got Served!

By: Emily Miller

Over 300 students participated in this year’s “Go Green” Community Service Day with over 30 faculty and staff there to help serve.

“The day went great,” said Bill Baumgardner, CCU’s Director of Service. “We had great participation from students, staff, and faculty. It was awesome to see everyone having a great time serving, that’s what it is all about. I am thankful for all who participated and for those who did not, you really missed out. We are considering working next year for the Parks because they really appreciated the work and they are so prepared for us.”

The students and staff set out to work at four Cincinnati Parks, Ault, Mt. Airy, Miles Edwards, and Eden Park to help remodel and make over the parks for this summer.

They planted between 4,000-5,000 pansies at Krohn Conservatory, located in Eden Park. Other students tackled the three other parks to spread mulch, plant trees, and pick up trash to make the parks look more presentable for the upcoming season.

This year, an estimated 1,500 hours of service were contributed, this is part of the 40,000 hours a year the school documents in volunteer service.

Grab Your Shovel, Trash Stick, and Saw

By: Stephanie Norwood

A large group of high-spirited CCU students went out to Mt. Airy on a cold and wet April 15 to help improve some of the park conditions. After piling into 12 cars, the short drive led them to a park with very eager park attendants that had jobs for the students.

They split up into four groups: some shoveled and placed mulch in the picnic area, others planted 120 trees, some picked up trash along a trail, leaving others to chop down honeysuckle. The day was full of laughs and accomplishments.

“Look at this” was a game played by the trash group as they found numerous treasures such as a name-tag, a pair of pants, a shirt, and a pair of shoes. Their conclusion was there is man walking around Cincinnati without clothes.

This same group had the privilege of working on three of the four jobs. “High-fives for three jobs done,” Justin Vance stated as he high-fived his group as they finished for the day.

The honeysuckle group received high praise. One of the park rangers alluded to the fact that that group of hard working students may have set a record for fastest honeysuckle clearing ever.

Hopefully next year will be as successful, and maybe a little more sunny.
Clean Up at Miles Edwards Park

By: Jeremy Ruhl

Approximately 40 people participated in the clean-up at Miles Edwards Park, near Delhi, this past Wednesday for service day.

The park is located at 4401 Fehr Road Cincinnati, OH 45238 and consists of a single trail through a wooded area, as well as a playground and an open grassy area.

The service teams at this location had three main jobs to do. One group remulched the playground area, another placed poles at each end of the trail to prevent motored vehicles from traveling the trail, and a third group pruned back the honeysuckle that was beginning to overgrow parts of the trail.

The groups worked extremely hard and had accomplished everything the parks people had in mind by the end of the lunch hour.

“I enjoyed being able to see the parks people have to work to find work for us,” said Senior John Hensel. “They went so far as to tell us ‘Anything green, cut it down!’”

Staff members at this site included Micah Puricelli, director of student life, Cassey Puricelli, resident director of Rine dorm, Kris Merrill, dean of women, Linda Waugh, and Professor Andrew Wood.

When asked about service day Hensel replied “We came, We served, We conquered.”

Left: Senior Brandon Weiss leads worship.

Right: Junior Zach Clayton opens service day in the gym.

JL Sullivan and Gabriela Simoc
Service Day 2009: Go Green! At Cincinnati Christian University begins.

Left: Students gather in the gym to prepare for the day and join their teams to help clean up the Cincinnati area parks.

Above: CCU President, Dr. David Faust hard at work.

Right: Dr. Jon Weatherly, Dean of Students assists several students.

Above: Professor Dan Dyke taking a break.
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Cleaning Ault Park

By: Clare McGill

During the annual CCU community service day at one of the four Cincinnati parks that the students, staff, and faculty served at Ault Park. This park spreads over 200 acres outside the city of Cincinnati. Ault park is a picturesque location with gardens, hiking trails, picnic locations, and children’s play areas.

The CCU family did their share in "Going Green" at Ault park. While at the site, they mulched flower beds. They also planted trees and bushes around the park.

Dr. Sara Fudge and Micah Turnbo

CCU Goes Out to the Ball Game

By: Jen Stone

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