

Pack 214 Webelos 2 Conservation Project Outline

Late April:

- **Clean out the beds:** Pull all of the weeds from the beds and put them into bags and then in the dumpster. Talk to the boys about how weeds spread through the seeds and through their roots – show them how to pull the weeds so that the roots come out of the ground.
- **Re-establish the edge around the beds:** Have the boys dig a small trench around the outside edge of the mulch to separate the grass from the mulch. Re-use the dirt from the ditch either in the bed or in any pot holes in the yard surrounding the project.
- **Remove the annuals and plant new:** Pull out the mulch and put it around the tree and rose bushes. Pull up the existing annuals and plant new Begonias. Remember that the original scheme was to use Cub Scout Colors (Blue & Gold) in the Fall and Webelos Colors (Blue, Light Blue, Gold and Yellow) in the Spring. (The Roses are Red and Green for the Webelos and the Boy Scouts.) Before getting the new annuals – count the old ones and use that as a guide as to how many to buy.
- **Install new Mulch:** Use a fine shredded hardwood mulch in the annual bed. Mix in a recommended fertilizer or annual food before you mulch.

July:

- **Prune:** The Roses will do better if the old blooms are trimmed back. Have the boys investigate how to prune and how far down the stalk to cut them back. Prune the other plants and pinching the dead flowers (dead-heading) off of the annuals will make them bloom fuller. Cut all suckers off of the trees, i.e. anything below original lowest branch.
- **Fertilize:** Pull back all of the mulch and pine needles and apply a good amount of Hollitone – rake it into the soil and then recover. You do not need to include the annual beds in this feeding.
- **Clean out the beds:** Same as April and to be done every time any work is done on the areas.

September:

- **Develop the Plan:** Have the Boys develop a color scheme for the Annuals in both the Fall and the Spring. Have them come up with a plan and a date for the fall workday. Remember the tasks, determine the tools, schedule their time, etc...
- **Develop the Budget:** Review the budget from the previous group and compare it to the funds spent to date, explain to the boys how important it is to develop a budget and then follow it. Have the Boys investigate how much was spent and plan for the future costs. Present a budget request (thru the Web. 2 Rep.) for the project before Popcorn gets going – the funds are to come from that effort.

October:

- **Clean out the beds & Re-establish the edge around the beds.** Refer to April.
- **Remove the annuals and plant new:** Refer to April, but now it is time to plant Pansies.
- **Install new Mulch:** Refer to April.

Late December or Early January

- **Prune Roses:** Cut the Roses back to the lower main stalks. Have the boys investigate how to take care of Roses. Talk to them about how pruning makes the plants grow more full and healthier. Hard Pruning will help protect the bush during the ice and bad weather.
- **Dead-head the Annuals:** As in July, pinching off the dead blooms will help the annuals bloom more and make the plants healthier.

February:

- **Pass it on:** Before the Webelos 2 boys cross-over into the Troop, they are to have a meeting with the Webelos 1 scouts to go over the Project schedule and responsibilities. This is a boy lead project – boys passing on the work and the reasons for the project.