

2010 Wilderness Trail Maintenance Initiative

Leaders

- A** Get trip leadership commitments from as many previous trip leaders as possible.
- B** Recruit and train new Leaders and assistant trip leaders to assist the experienced leaders.
- C** Have all leaders and assistant leaders join the Minneapolis Hiking and BRT Meetup Groups

Volunteers

- A** Recruit more volunteers by posting all trips on the Mpls Hiking and BRT Meetup Groups plus investigate establishing a relationship with other organizations and Meetup Groups.
- Done 2-11 B** Schedule late winter/early spring programs at Rovers, REI, Midwest Mountaineering, Gunflint Lodge
- Done 2-11 C** Schedule a program at Gunflint Lodge in May.
- Will Not Do D** Posters in Duluth, North Shore, & Grand Marais.
- John E looking in to E** Develop a BRT presence on Twitter in order encourage connections with North Shore people, businesses, & organizations in order to increase awareness of the BRT & BRT maint opportunities.
- F** Seek out a greater number of electronic venues through which we can make our maint initiative known.
- To be done in April G** Place Ad in Cook County papers directing people to BRT Web Site & Meetup Group
- NCTA will do In May H** Place Article with NCTA to inform what BRTA is doing

Equipment

- Done A** Purchase 10 additional Fiskars geared loppers (giving us a total of 12) in order to provide quality tools for two wilderness maint crews per weekend.
- Ordered B** Purchase 2 additional Fiskars tree pruners (for a total of 3) in order to gain more experience with them as an effective maint tool.
- Located in Grand Marais C** Locate a source for sharpening the BRTA owned cross-cut saws in order to have better control of saw usability.

Administration

- Deena R wrkg on A** Set up a trip sign-up/reporting procedure that coordinates and keeps track of what is coming in through Meetup Groups, the BRT website, and direct calls or contacts with the individual trip leaders, or the wilderness and mechanized maint registrars/coordinators/directors. This procedure would provide for the collection of volunteer data, the signing of waivers, payment of deposits, and the submission of financial/participation data to the treasurer.

Reconnaissance

- A** Get feedback from early May through hikers

Maintenance Priorities

- A** To be determined by 2/15/10

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