



# Mendham Township Middle School

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Dear Parents,

Your student has opted to be a member of the service learning education program which will take place on Monday's during 9<sup>th</sup> period for 8 weeks. We will walk to the Dismal Harmony Nature Area and perform trail maintenance beginning May 7. Please make sure that your student has sturdy footwear that will keep them dry (no sneakers); work gloves, a light jacket, long pants and clothing that can get dirty! Anyone not having the proper clothing (especially long pants) will not be allowed to participate that day. We will be in a classroom on rainy days.

We have been working on cutting invasive Bittersweet vines, but will soon start trail repair and maintenance. If you have small vine cutters or a small (8") foldable hand saw, please send it in. I will collect tools in the morning as soon as they arrive. If it meets with your approval, I will put a name on it and hold on to materials for the duration of the project.

We are very excited about this opportunity to share our time and efforts for the benefit of Brookside and the Dismal Harmony Nature Area. Please talk with your student to discover how we are progressing.

If you have any questions, please call me at 973-543-2505, or e-mail me at [cscharfdour@mendhamtwp.org](mailto:cscharfdour@mendhamtwp.org).

Mrs. Cynthia Scharf-Dour

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the service learning program and to walk to Dismal Harmony Nature Area and perform trail maintenance. Students without proper clothing and footwear will not be allowed to participate that day.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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