Hello Friends of Michaux!

I hope you’re doing well and have had the chance during this mostly snowless winter to get out into your favorite state forest! If not, we’re planning a work day on **Saturday February 22** to tackle a few small projects. As always note that all participants should complete a [DCNR conservation volunteer application](mailto:friendsofmichauxstateforest@gmail.com).

To help us know the approximate head count, please RSVP to [friendsofmichauxstateforest@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmichauxstateforest@gmail.com) and let us know which of these projects you’d like to sign up for.

1. State forest staff need four volunteers to help clear fences at Polk Hill. Start time would be 8 AM at the [District Office](https://friendsofmichaux.org/). The work will be clearing brush and trees after the staff have cut the brush with chainsaws/brush saws. This will be physical work! The day will wrap up by noon/early afternoon.

2. At the south end of the Forest, FoM member Isaac Littrell is leading a litter pick up along Buchanan Trail E from 9AM - Noon. Meet up will be at the [AT parking lot](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMichaux/) on Buchanan Trail, where there is parking for 4 or 5 cars. This will be a road-side clean up, but volunteers will be working behind the guard rail. Isaac will be providing bottled water, snacks, fluorescent vests, rubber gloves, and trash bags. Volunteers must be at least 8 years old and accompanied by someone 18 or older.

3. Further north, Claire Jantz will be leading a litter clean up along [Furnace Hollow/Big Pond Hollow](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMichaux/) from 1:00PM - 4:00PM. Claire will be providing bottled water, snacks, rubber gloves, and trash bags. There is parking for 3 or 4 cars at the meet up location, although there is parking along Big Pond Hollow at different pull offs. This project includes a group of Shipensburg University students who are working in the Michaux as part of a [fund raising effort](https://friendsofmichaux.org/) to fund an international service learning trip.

Take your pick! And please RSVP to [friendsofmichauxstateforest@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmichauxstateforest@gmail.com), we do need a pretty firm head count on these.

See you soon!

--Claire Jantz
FoM Chair

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