



## Air Cadets and City Team Up to Remove Invasive Plants

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC – Tomorrow morning, 75 youth and their leaders from the Albert Head Air Cadet Summer Training Centre will volunteer their time removing invasive plants from two Victoria parks. Some cadets will help remove blackberry bushes from Cecelia Ravine, while others will remove ivy, Morning Glory and Canada Thistle from Banfield Park as part of their commitment to community.

### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

Media are invited to attend. The cadets will be assisting in the ravine area near the entrance off Burnside Road East, and on the north side of Banfield Park adjacent to the trail. Parking is available nearby.

What: Air Cadets and City Team Up to Remove Invasive Plants  
When: Friday, July 23, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at both locations  
Where: Location 1: Cecelia Ravine, 427 Burnside Road East  
Location 2: Banfield Park, 521 Craigflower Road

The cadets range from 12 to 18 years of age and have given permission to be photographed and/or recorded.

City Parks staff will guide cadets on the plants' safe removal. Participants will also learn how these non-native plants negatively impact natural areas.

Often referred to as "alien" or "non-native", invasive plant is the name for a species that has become a weed and spreads aggressively, displacing native plants. City Parks staff work to remove invasive species from public lands, and ask residents to help remove specific invaders should they see them in their gardens. To learn more, visit: [www.victoria.ca/parks](http://www.victoria.ca/parks) and click on *Invasive Plants*.

The Cadet Program is designed for young Canadians aged 12 to 18 who are interested in participating in a variety of fun, challenging and rewarding activities while learning about the sea, army and air activities of the Canadian Forces. Cadets are encouraged to become active, responsible members of their communities, and learn valuable life and work skills such as teamwork, leadership and citizenship. For more information, visit: [www.cadets.ca](http://www.cadets.ca)

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