

Hi all-

Thank you very much for volunteering to help with the LaFarge cleanup this weekend-
November 10 and 11, 2007.

Please take a few minutes to read the information below that I hope will answer most of the questions you may have about Saturday's project. This is also posted on the webpage.

PLEASE respond to my questions at the end of this email. Thanks.

WHEN:

Saturday, November 10th will be our main work day and Sunday, November 11th, will be an extra work day or the rain date.

If the weather does not cooperate, I will post cancellation notice of Saturday's cleanup either Friday night or very early Saturday morning at the very top of the LaFarge webpage available at this link: <http://www.nynjtc.org/projects/LaFargeCleanupNov112007.html>. However, I am optimistic that mother nature will cooperate, and we are all hearty souls, right...?

Saturday's work hours will be about 10-4:30. If you could arrive by 9:30 so we can actually be working by 10am that would be terrific. Sunday's hours will be determined on Saturday unless it is the rain date, and then the hours will be 10-4:30 with a 9:30 arrival time.

My cell is 973-303-3538. Call me with any questions.

WHERE:

Summitville, NY, off Ferguson road and Rt. 209, about 5 miles north of Exit 113 off Rt. 17 (Wurtsboro exit). Detailed driving instructions available at this link: <http://www.nynjtc.org/projects/LaFargelocation.html>. They are not yet fully detailed, but will be within the next day or so.

MAIN PURPOSE FOR WORKDAY:

Our main goal is to consolidate as much of the trash as possible so it is easily (and therefore more cheaply) able to be retrieved by the professional cleanup crew when they come in with their large equipment. Most of the trash is located along the atv trails throughout the property. The large equipment will only be able to come in along a main road through the middle of the property, so we need to haul all the rest of the trash up into the main road area.....well, as much of it as we can.

PARKING & CARPOOLING:

You can turn right onto Ferguson rd off Rt. 209 N to drop off any equipment you bring, but then I will ask you to park either farther along Ferguson road or directly across Rt. 209. I will try to get some signs posted.

If you would like to carpool from the Trail Conference offices, please let me know and I will put you in touch with each other.

PREPARATION:

I know none of you needs this reminder, but here it is anyway. Please dress appropriately. Dress for serious outdoor cleanup work that might happen in somewhat unpleasant weather. Please bring enough warm clothes, rain gear, hats and gloves, and also please wear heavy hiking or work boots if you have them.

Also, please bring food and drink. I will supply some snacks but can't guarantee a full meal. Also, I will supply some hot beverages.

Please remember--we will be outside all day! The only indoor space available will be in our vehicles or 3 miles down the road at the local Stewart Gas station.

CELL PHONE COVERAGE:

FYI, there seems to be analog cell phone coverage on LaFarge, but not digital. If you have a newer cell phone that does not run on both digital and analog, you most likely will be unable to receive or make calls. I've got Verizon digital only and cannot get reception, but I used to get good analog reception.

GETTING AROUND THE LAFARGE PROPERTY:

This depends somewhat on the weather, but 4 wheel drive vehicles can get around easily. My Honda civic can make it around as long as the ground is firm, but not when there has been any rain because the ground gets pretty soft.

I hope we can move people around with pickup trucks/4wheel vehicles, but we also need them for hauling tools and trash around. Walking will probably be our primary method of getting around (the property isn't that big!) but if you like to mountain bike, you might consider bringing your bike because the atv trails are great for mountain biking.

JOBS FOR SATURDAY OTHER THAN CLEANUP:

In addition to the cleanup work, there are a few other things we need to support the cleanup, which would be great activities for anyone who does not wish to participate in the actual cleanup work.

Other jobs include: posting the property perimeter with informational signs, coordinating snacks and warm drinks, managing tools, taking pictures, additional trash scouting.

My questions to you:

1. **What do you plan to bring? i.e. work gloves? Do you have extra work gloves you can bring? Tools? Wheelbarrow?**
2. **Do you have a pickup truck or some sort of vehicle we could use for hauling stuff around on the property?**
3. **Can you bring some snacks?**
4. **Do you have a small propane stove we could use? I've got a 2-burner, but we might be able to use at least one more for hot drinks.**
5. **Do you have any other suggestions?**

Thanks again for volunteering to help and I look forward to seeing you on Saturday. I will send out another email update on Friday morning.

Have a great rest of the week,
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