

WHY NOT USE CHEMICALS?

- We don't want to negatively impact the aquatic environment
- Chemical treatments must be repeated for 4 to 5 years
- The environment is delicate
- We like to have alternatives to chemicals
- Volunteers can't work with restricted chemicals

CONCLUSION: A SPECIAL KUDZU "PARTY" DAY AT PETER'S CREEK

- See the fun
- Enjoy it with the students

THE MAYOR CAME OUT TO THANK THE STUDENTS



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT WORK FOR THE PRESERVE



THE KUDZU FIGHTS BACK



TEAMWORK CONQUERS EVEN THE LARGEST VINES



TIME TO EAT FOR 45 HUNGRY KUDZU KILLERS



KUDZU BONFIRE FOR HOT DOGS



HARD TO COOK ENOUGH HOT DOGS FOR THIS CROWD



MARSHMALLOWS BY THE DOZEN



MODEL FOR "STUDENTS KNOCKING OUT KUDZU" INITIATIVE

- The Spartanburg Day School experience at Peter's Creek Preserve ...
- Became the model for Kudzu Coalition expansion into:
 - Another high school in 2006
 - Two more in early 2007
 - Plans for 12 more in 2007 & 2008

THE REAL STORY

- It's about working together/cooperation
- It's about methods that work without chemicals
- It's about getting volunteers involved
- It's about stopping and even pushing back – ever so slightly -- the green menace
- It's about recapturing lands lost to invasives

THANK YOU

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