



# Grand Canyon News Release

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## Grand Canyon Vegetation Program Asks, “What’s in Your Backyard?”

**Grand Canyon, AZ-** In an effort to promote native plant diversity and healthy, intact ecosystems, the Grand Canyon Vegetation staff is reaching out to local residents. Invasive plant pulls will be hosted each month in a different residential neighborhood in Grand Canyon National Park. Called “What’s in Your Backyard?”, these programs will focus on educating residents about the important habitats in the park and on providing information about how residents can improve the habitats in their own backyards using native plants. Residents will learn how to successfully remove many of the canyon’s ecological invaders; and salvaged native plants from the park’s nursery will be made available to participants.

Programs will be offered at four different times and locations throughout the summer.

<b>Dates and Neighborhoods:</b>	Saturday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pinyon Park and Coconino Apartments
	Saturday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Pines and Havasupai Street
	Saturday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Trailer Village
	Saturday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Park Circle
<b>Time:</b>	9am-3pm	
<b>Where to Meet:</b>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Junction of Muav Court, Hualapai Road and Albright Ave
	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Clinic parking lot near junction of Clinic Road and Albright Ave
	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Entrance kiosk on west end of trailer village
	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Junction of Park Circle and Sunset Drive
<b>What to Bring:</b>	Vegetation staff recommends you bring water, sunscreen, sun glasses, close-toed shoes and hat. <i>Tools, snacks and protective equipment will be provided.</i>	

All are invited to attend one or more of these programs. Residents are encouraged to come out and meet their neighbors, learn how to protect and even promote native plant diversity and learn about the various, exciting volunteer opportunities available through the Vegetation Program.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please call Andy Shulstad or Kassy Theobald at (928)638-7857, or email [Andrew.Shulstad@nps.gov](mailto:Andrew.Shulstad@nps.gov).