

INTERFERING VEGETATION (SAPLING) REMOVAL

Sometimes cutting down trees is a good thing! Saplings are being marked for removal throughout the forests at Camp Cutler, and Scouts have the ability to have a positive impact on the future of our beautiful woods. Forestry management often means removing less desirable trees in order to provide the more desirable trees (based on our management goals) with more nutrients, sunlight and water.

Saplings being removed

Hophornbeam (ironwood)

American hornbeam (musclewood)

Striped maple

Witch hazel

Shadbush

American beech

Trees we want to grow

Oak

Maple

Black cherry

Hickory

White ash

Tulip tree

It is very important that the trees be cut off right at the ground, so they do not leave a tripping hazard, or so they will not puncture tractor tires.

Please feel free to make hiking sticks or poles to use for pioneering projects out of the removed trees. Otherwise they can be scattered around the forest floor where they will decompose quickly and add to the soil nutrients.

THIS PROJECT REQUIRES PARENTAL GUIDANCE WITH CUB SCOUTS

SAFETY FIRST!!! 1. Keep your free hand away from the saw blade. 2. Never run with the saw. 3. Make sure there is no one standing near where your tree is going to come down (spread out). 4. Although there are trees larger than 3" in diameter marked, scouts are not to cut any tree over 3" in diameter.

BE SAFE, HAVE FUN, AND THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!