

POWELL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM INVASIVE REMOVAL



This past Saturday students in the Powell High School Environmental Science Club (ESC) worked in the Powell Outdoor Classroom removing privet, bush honeysuckle and multiflora rose, non-native invasive shrubs that left unchecked cover the ground in forested areas making them hard to penetrate and choking out the native shrubbery that normally grows in these areas.

The Powell Outdoor Classroom is located directly behind the new Powell Station

Park.

Joined by members of the Beaver Creek Watershed Association and the CAC AmeriCorp Water Quality team, the ESC worked for four hours in the freezing weather and pulled a tractor trailer load of these invasive shrubs out of the Outdoor Classroom. These bad boys will be chipped up and used as mulch for trails and in other projects. While you drive by the park look into the woods behind it. You can see where the work was done. Another couple of

workdays and all of the invasives will be gone.

Stay tuned to the Powell Post for announcements about your Powell Outdoor Classroom.

Pictured here are **Jessi Florence** and **Sara Collins** with the PHS Environmental Science Club working with **Leah Lemoine**, CAC AmeriCorp Water Quality Team member and coordinator of Saturday's event, to remove privet from the Powell Outdoor Classroom.