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THE 2019 ANNUAL  
SAVE GEORGIA'S HEMLOCKS  
**HEMLOCK CAMP MEETING**  
A  
GATHERING OF  
KINDRED SPIRITS TO CELEBRATE AND PRESERVE THE MAGNIFICENT HEMLOCK

**SATURDAY • MAY 4 • 10AM to 3PM**

**ETC PAVILION • ON THE BANKS OF THE  
COOSAWATTEE RIVER • ELLIJAY, GA**

**MUSIC** BY THE **ECLECTIC & VERSATILE** **BILL POUND**



**BBQ  
PROVIDED**

**FOOD**

**BRING YOUR OWN  
Potluck Picnic Dish**



**RESERVATIONS** are required before **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**  
**CALL** 706 455-2313 **EMAIL** KimberlyRaeWood@gmail.com

**\$5 ADMISSION**  
**KIDS UNDER 10 FREE**



**ALEX  
HARVEY**  
PADDLERS HEMLOCK  
ACTION TASK FORCE

**COME  
HEAR**

**THOM  
GREEN**  
HEMLOCK  
RESTORATION INITIATIVE



**DON'T MISS**

THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNE WITH NATURE AND TO CELEBRATE THE HEMLOCK  
AND OUR MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENT - AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. SORRY, NO DOGS PLEASE.



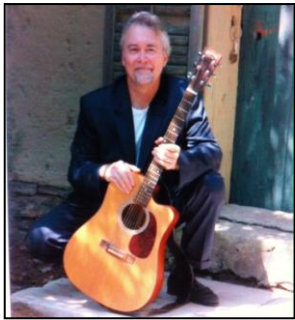
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## MUSIC – Bill Pound



For Bill Pound, being born and raised in Macon, Georgia has had a profound influence on his musical upbringing. Macon's heritage of musical diversity, from Little Richard to Otis Redding to the Allman Brothers Band, has inspired several generations. This is evident in the songs he has written, recorded, and released on CDs. Perhaps it is this heritage, coupled with twenty-five years of commitment to his art, that has made Bill the entertainer he is today. His years of touring experience allow him not only to sense a crowd's desires, but give him the ability to respond. From hard rock-and-roll to soft country, both the extremes and the middle ground belong to Bill when he's on stage.

Bill expresses his considerable talents through a variety of voices – electric, acoustic or slide guitar, silver and Native American flutes, harmonica, and vocals. Love of music, family and friends, nature, and living life and a strong faith are the forces that inspire, motivate and guide him. We're looking forward to an exciting live performance from Bill Pound. For more information, please visit [www.billpound.com](http://www.billpound.com).

## FOOD – Poole's Barbecue *plus* your own covered dish to share



Get ready to treat yourself to some of the best barbecue in north Georgia. Poole's is famous for mouth-watering chicken and pork dressed with Colonel Poole's original sauce. So bring your appetite. YUM!!!

**Everyone is also asked to bring a generous-sized covered side-dish to share** – salad, meatless entrée, or dessert – for a wonderful variety of delicious selections on the buffet.

## SPEAKER – Thom Green of the Hemlock Restoration Initiative

Thom Green is the Lead Technician and Outreach Support Associate for the Asheville-based Hemlock Restoration Initiative, working with our good friend Margot Wallston. Before taking on his current role, he served through AmeriCorps Project Conserve as the HRI Stewardship and Volunteer Engagement Associate. After working for several years as an environmental educator in his native Oregon, Thom moved to western North Carolina in 2014 to earn an MS in Biology with a focus in forest ecology from Western Carolina University.

His newly found love of the Blue Ridge Mountains and passion for ecosystem-based forest management fuels his work to protect and restore hemlock forests. When not out in the forest or educating landowners about their trees, he enjoys dancing and spending time with his dogs Moonpie and Sugar.



Thom will tell us about HRI's work with a variety of partners to establish hemlock conservation areas, educate property owners to save their trees, treat more trees on public lands, implement Integrated Pest Management and long-term biological controls, and advance the development of other control strategies and restoration techniques. For more information, please visit <https://savehemlocksn.org/>.

## SPEAKER – Alex Harvey of the Paddlers Hemlock Health Action Taskforce

Alex grew up in North Carolina where, at an early age, he developed a passion for rivers and the outdoors. After studying biology at Johns Hopkins University and earning his PhD at Vanderbilt, he moved to Athens, Georgia to pursue a career in biopharmaceutical development. While continuing his pioneering work in pursuit of effective disease therapies, he enjoys time with his wife and two children, camping, traveling and taking care of their rescued cats and dogs.

He is an avid kayaker and mountain biker. In 2016 when he learned that the science of saving hemlocks had matured, he realized that there was a need for the paddling community to get involved and has since devoted much of his time coordinating teams of paddlers to save hemlocks along the banks of the Green River in North Carolina.



Alex will share his story of what he and his paddlers do, how they do it, and what inspires them to get out and do it. Maybe some ideas for us too! For more information, please visit <https://paddlersforhemlocks.com/>.





**Short film: “The HemlockWoolly Adelgid – A Film About the Loss of an Ecosystem” by Chris Foito** **11:30 to Noon. DON’T BE LATE!**

The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. A species few people have heard of – yet it is devastating the Hemlock forests and the delicate ecosystems that depend upon them. From infestations in our own backyards, the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid has already spread throughout the east coast of North America from the Carolinas up into Canada.

This award-winning film aims to engage and educate the viewer on this all too often, over looked invasive species by explaining its past, present, and what could easily be the future if significant action is not taken.

Through the use of cinematic visuals and archival footage of other forest pests, specifically the Emerald Ash Borer, the film illustrates the vital importance of The Eastern Hemlock Tree as a foundation species in North American forests and raises the questions of what should be done to prevent the spread of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and the growing phenomena of invasive species as a whole.



**SGH Information Booth:** Experts will be on hand to answer your questions about what’s happening to the hemlocks, how to recognize and assess the problem, why it matters, what you can do to save your own trees, and how you can help save the hemlocks on our public lands.

There will be plenty of educational handout materials you can pick up, saplings available for adoption, and a few special *surprise items* you may want to purchase.



**Demo Station for Sapling Rescue & Potting:** Come by and learn the most successful techniques and materials to use. Knowing how to choose and dig saplings with the best chance of survival and maintaining them in pots for 6 to 12 months with the growing conditions they need to reestablish a strong root system can allow you to save a lot of little ones that otherwise might go untreated.

Then they can be replanted, offered for adoption, donated to schools and other nonprofits – getting more healthy hemlocks into the hands of people who will take good care of them.



**Demo Station for Hemlock Treatment:** If you’d like to learn how to treat your own hemlocks by any of three different methods – soil drench, soil injection with 2 kinds of injectors, and basal trunk spray – stop by this station for a quick tutorial and instructional handouts.

**Raffle:** We’ll have an eclectic collection of interesting and desirable items you might be lucky enough to win! Each person will receive a free raffle ticket at the check-in station, and additional tickets can be purchased at the raffle table.

And if you have any nature-themed arts and crafts or services you’d like to donate to the raffle, please let us know when you make your reservations!

**Recognitions and Awards:** We want to give special recognition and thanks to our members, volunteers and supporters who have done so much to help carry out our mission. So please come and help us honor all of YOU for your creative ideas, considerable time, energetic service and faithful dedication on behalf of our magnificent hemlocks.

**The trees lift their branches to you!**

**Make Your Reservation Early!**

Contact Kim wood at 706-455-2313 or [KimberlyRaeWood@gmail.com](mailto:KimberlyRaeWood@gmail.com).

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**Map:** The ETC Pavilion is located at 1041-1047 Legion Rd, Ellijay, GA 30540. It's off Old Hwy 5 south of town.

