

You are Invited to compete in Del Norte County's first



# TANSY GAMES

**What is Tansy?** Tansy Ragwort (*Senecia jacobaea*) is a noxious weed which can be lethal to cattle, horses, and sheep. Each plant can grow to as tall as 6 or 7 feet, and in spring and early summer, tansy is easily identified by its bright yellow flowers.

**Why is Tansy a problem?** Cows, horses, and other livestock feeding on tansy can get ill or even die. Though tansy is poisonous, animals are known to acquire a taste for it, nibbling a little and then searching for more. After the leaves have browned, they lose their bitter taste, and animals will eat these with even less hesitation.

**Removing Tansy is the Law. Let's make it fun.** County Ordinance Number 77-48, the 'Tansy Control Ordinance,' essentially requires people to remove Tansy Ragwort from their property. Del Norte County residents can dispose of properly bagged tansy for no charge at the Del Norte County Transfer Station.

**What are the Tansy Games?** The Tansy Games are a contest to encourage all interested able-bodied people to gather and dispose of tansy ragwort at the Del Norte County Transfer Station during the contest period. The Tansy Games are intended to raise awareness that removing tansy and other invasive species from properties is the right thing to do. The total amount of tansy ragwort disposed by registered teams and individuals will be calculated and prizes awarded for the most weight removed.

**Tansy disposal is Free for Del Norte County customers all year round.** The Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority pays the disposal costs for all tansy ragwort separately disposed at the Del Norte County Transfer Station from Del Norte customers. The easiest time of the year to do this is when tansy is blooming with its bright yellow flowers. Rocks, trash or any non-tansy materials placed in tansy bags may result in additional charges and/or disqualification from the Tansy Games.

**When are the Tansy Games?** The Tansy Games will begin on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and run through Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

**Teams and Schools are Invited.** Future Farmers of America, 4H, and Scout Troops are all encouraged to form a team. You can contribute to any team by showing your signed liability release and giving the name of your school or team when you dispose of tansy. Forms to sign up and for liability release may be found here: [www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov](http://www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov)

**Can I compete as an individual?** Yes. Individuals who want to compete in the Tansy Games just need to show the gate attendant identification and a copy of the signed liability release, and we will track the amount of Tansy disposed by each team or individual throughout the Tansy Games.

**Can I collect tansy from properties that I don't own?** Only if you get permission from the property owner. Individuals and teams are responsible for getting permission to gather tansy from property owners. State and National Park lands and Pacific Shores are off limits.

**See you at The Tansy Games!**