



Compete in Del Norte County's second annual

# TANSY GAMES

..coming to your property or a farm, field, neighborhood near you..

**What is Tansy, and why is it a problem?** Tansy Ragwort (*Senecia jacobaea*) is a noxious weed which can be lethal to cattle, horses, and other livestock. Each plant can grow as tall as 6-7 feet and in spring and early summer, Tansy is easily identified by its bright yellow flowers. Cows, horses, other livestock feeding on Tansy can get ill and 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; animals will eat these with even less hesitation.

**Removing Tansy is the Law; let's make it fun.** Del Norte County Ordinance Number 77-48, the "Tansy Control Ordinance", essentially requires people to remove Tansy Ragwort from their property. The Tansy Games are intended to raise awareness that removing Tansy and other invasive species from properties is the right thing to do. Del Norte County residents can dispose of properly bagged Tansy for no charge at the Del Norte County Transfer Station. Any non-tansy materials in tansy bags may result in fees charged and/or disqualification from the Tansy Games.

**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. The easiest time of the year to do this is when Tansy is blooming with its bright yellow flowers.

**What and When 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 total amount of Tansy Ragwort disposed by registered teams and individuals will be calculated and prizes awarded for the most weights of Tansy removed. The Tansy Games will begin on July 1st and run through Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2020. You can harvest, bag, and stockpile Tansy while you wait for the Tansy Games to begin.

**Prizes?!! What Prizes? Grand prize is \$500. Other nifty donated prizes for runners-up, and a raffle for all participants.**

**How do you harvest Tansy?**

The most effective way to remove Tansy is with a shovel; you may prefer to wear garden gloves. Just step on shovel into the soil, and pry the Tansy up. Shake the soil off the roots and back into the hole. Put the Tansy into a trash bag head first. Roots sticking out of the bag are not a problem. When your bags are all filled, dispose of the Tansy at the Transfer Station.

**Everyone capable of pulling Tansy can play!** Schools are invited. Families are invited. Teams are invited: Future Farmers of America, 4H, Scout Troops, school clubs, sports teams, PTAs, Rotarians, book clubs etc. Individuals may play. 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. Check Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority [www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov](http://www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov) website for links to sign up.

**Can I compete as an individual?** Yes. Individuals who want to compete in the Tansy Games just need to show the gate attendant their identification and a copy of the signed liability release, and we will track the amount of Tansy disposed by each individual throughout the Tansy Games. Check the website [www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov](http://www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov) for sign up forms.

**Can I collect Tansy from properties that I don't own?** Only if you get permission from the properties' owners. 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. All current virus precautions should be followed during Tansy Games activities, including remaining more than 6 feet from other people outside your household and wearing facial shields or masks.**

**See you at The Tansy Games!**

## **TANSY GAMES**

**Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and  
Indemnification Agreement**

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I have chosen to participate in the “Tansy Games” (hereinafter referred to as the “Activity”) which has been promoted and organized in coordination with the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority (herein after referred to as “DNSWMA”). The Tansy Games consists of private persons participating in teams to remove the noxious weed tansy ragwort from property in Del Norte County. I understand that in accordance with COVID-19-related public health guidelines and orders, all Tansy Games participants are encouraged to remain at least six feet from other people outside their household and to wear face coverings or masks when they are not able to maintain that six-foot separation. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards connected with participating in the Activity, including the risk of physical injury or disability as the result of such injury, and I hereby voluntarily participate in this activity despite those risks. I am also aware that DNSWMA has no knowledge of the conditions and does not make any representation of the conditions of any property where I may be engaged in the Activity. I voluntarily assume full responsibility of any risk of loss, property damage, or personal injury that I may sustain, or any loss or damage to property in my possession as a result of being engaged in such Activity.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless DNSWMA from any loss, liability, damage or costs that I may incur due to my participation in said Activity. It is my express intent that this Release shall bind the members of my family and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and fully understand its terms. I assume full responsibility for any and all injuries or damages that may occur to me as a result of the inherent risks associated with participation in the Activity.

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Print Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_ *City, State:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*If signing on behalf of minor, name of minor:* \_\_\_\_\_