

‘Tansy Games’ extended, cash prize announced

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The deadline for the inaugural “Tansy Games” has been extended by a month, allowing participants to continue collecting tansy ragwort through Aug. 22 because of a late bloom this year.

“In addition to extending the length of the first ‘Tansy Games,’ I am excited to announce that our top prize will be a cash award of \$500,” said organizer Janet Gilbert in a press release.

“The team that brings the most tansy ragwort by weight through Aug. 22 to the Del Norte County Transfer Station will win the prize.”

Tansy ragwort is an invasive, noxious weed that can make grazing animals such as cows, horses, elk and deer sick, scarring the liver and hindering its ability to heal and regenerate itself.

The weed can even be fatal.

Despite that, animals are known to acquire a taste for it, especially after the leaves have browned and the plant loses its bitter taste.

For more information, or to view samples of tansy ragwort, visit the Del Norte Solid Waste Authority booth at the Del Norte County Fair through Sunday.

Sign-up sheets and rules for the “Tansy Games” are available at www.recycledelnorte.ca.gov/tansy.

Winners of the contest will be announced at the solid waste meeting in September.