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## Nashville District supporting Earth Day 2012 activities

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 19, 2012)** – Celebrating Earth Day's 42nd anniversary April 21, 2012, Nashville District lakes are uniting with local communities to promote this year's Earth Day theme "Mobilize the Earth™" by raising awareness of environmental issues and providing opportunities for the public to participate in Earth-friendly activities. Individual lake activities supporting Earth Day are listed below.

Park rangers and personnel at Lake Barkley in Grand Rivers, Ky., invites the community to make a difference as a volunteer at the lake's Earth Day event Monday, April 23, 2012 from 8 a.m. to noon at Canal Campground, located at Grand Rivers, Ky. Meeting in the campground's Canal Loop, volunteers will set up park benches and pick up trash along the shoreline. For more information, please contact the Lake Barkley Natural Resource Manager's Office at (270) 362-4236.

The park rangers from J. Percy Priest Lake in Nashville, Tenn. are participating in the 11th annual city of Nashville Earth Day Festival located in Centennial Park Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. With their exhibit themed "the impacts of trash on the lake," J. Percy Priest Lake is one of several exhibits aimed to inform Middle Tennesseans practical ways to protect the environment. Free to the public, this event also includes several family-friendly activities and live entertainment. For more information about J. Percy Priest Lake's exhibit, please contact the J. Percy Priest Lake Natural Resource Manager's Office at (615) 889-1975.

Laurel River Lake park rangers and personnel in London, Ky., are partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Daniel Boone National Forest's annual Laurel River Lake Clean Up Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to the public, the clean up staging and volunteer registration (on the day of) is located at the Spillway Beach near Laurel River Lake's dam. All volunteers receive free lunch, a T-shirt, and a chance to win donated door prizes. Volunteers also can compete for "the most unusual piece of trash" prize and the county Clean-up Cup. To help event organizers determine amount of food and the number of T-shirts needed, volunteers are asked to pre-register at the office of the London Ranger District or by calling (606) 864-4163.

Earth Day is not just a single day event at Corps of Engineer parks and recreation areas. With nearly a half-million acres of land and water held in the public trust...held for you, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District invites the public to make a difference by volunteering at Nashville District events across the this spring and throughout the year. For more information on volunteering, please visit the Volunteer Clearing House at <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/volunteer/> or call 1800-865-8337.

(The public can obtain news, updates and information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District on the district's website at [www.lrn.usace.army.mil](http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil), on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/nashvillecorps> and on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/nashvillecorps>. The public can also visit each individual lake project's Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/laurelriverlake>, <http://www.facebook.com/jpercypriestlake>, <http://www.facebook.com/lakebarkley>)

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