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Volunteers needed at Corps lakes for National Public Lands Day Sept. 29

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Sept. 11, 2012) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District is enlisting the support of volunteers at its lakes on the Cumberland River and its tributaries for the 19th annual National Public Lands Day Sept. 29.

It is the largest volunteer hands-on restoration activity of its kind where people do clean up, repair, construction and refurbishment in public parks, forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and cultural and historic sites.

Visitors at USACE sites take part in tree planting, erosion control, bank stabilization, building trails, restoring recreation areas, trash pickup, removing invasive species and non-native plants, improving wildlife habitats and rehabilitating playgrounds.

Within the Nashville District the public is encouraged to participate at one off the following NPLD volunteer activities on the dates and times indicated:

Center Hill Lake: Rain or shine, a shoreline cleanup is planned from 9 a.m. to noon (Saturday) Oct. 6. Sign-in and garbage pick-up will be located at the Floating Mill Recreation Area. Participants will be provided gloves and garbage bags and assigned a section of shoreline to work. Lunch is provided. For additional information, to sign up, or to get directions, contact Park Ranger Chris Cantrell at (931) 858-3125. Also follow Center Hill Lake on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/centerhilllake>.

Cheatham Lake: The U S Army Corps of Engineers is partnering with several organizations in Cheatham County to help clean up areas impacted by the flood of May 2010, which deposited trash and debris where over a million people recreate every year. This event is at 7 a.m. (Saturday) Sept. 22 at River Bluff Park in Ashland City, and involves removing trash and debris from this area and returning the area to its pre-flood status. Registration is between 7 and 8 a.m. and runs until noon. For additional information and directions, contact Park Ranger Dean Austin or Kyle Beverly at (615) 792-5697. Also follow Cheatham Lake on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/cheathamlake>.

Cordell Hull Lake: A shoreline cleanup is planned from 8 a.m. to noon (Saturday) Sept. 29 at the Defeated Creek Park shelter located in the park's free day use area. Volunteers will be provided with all equipment to do the work and lunch is provided. To sign up or for more information call the Natural Resource Manager's Office at (615) 735-1034. Also follow Cordell Hull Lake on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/cordellhulllake>.

Dale Hollow Lake: A shoreline cleanup is planned from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Saturday) Sept. 29. The check-in stations are at Pleasant Grove Recreation Area, Obey River Recreation Area and Lillydale

Recreation Area. Free trash bags will be provided at each location. Volunteers are invited to enjoy a picnic cookout sponsored by the Friends of Dale Hollow Lake at the Dale Hollow Dam Recreation Area shelter at 1 p.m. Call (931) 243-3136 to preregister and to help remove litter off of the lake's 620 miles of shoreline and 25,000 surface acres of water. Also follow Dale Hollow Lake on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/dalehollowlake>.

J. Percy Priest Lake: A cleanup event is planned (Saturday) Sept. 29 that focuses on numerous land-based and water areas around the lake where much has been affected by storm water pollution. Registration times vary throughout the day. Trash bags, gloves and sunscreen are provided and we'll have snacks, hand sanitizer, T-shirts, giveaways — and all the usual fun that defines a Nashville Clean Water Project! To register for the cleanup, go to the Nashville Clean Water Project web page at <http://nashvilleh2o.org/ncwp-4-details/>. Also follow J. Percy Priest Lake on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/jpercypriestlake>.

Lake Barkley: Volunteers are working from 8 a.m. to noon (Saturday) Sept. 29 repainting benches, hand rails, sign posts and trash receptacles. Low hanging branches throughout the park will be trimmed and hauled away and if time remains volunteers will also be doing shoreline clean up. Lunch is provided. The starting location is at the Kuttawa Recreation Area (Swim Beach). For additional information and directions, contact Park Ranger Rich Rice at (270) 362-4236. For the latest updates follow Lake Barkley on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/lakebarkley>.

Lake Cumberland: The 23rd Annual Lake Cumberland Cleanup is (Saturday) Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Central Standard Time). The majority of the lake is EST. The cleanup is held at locations all over the lake in an effort to remove trash, tires, appliances, and more from the shoreline. Gloves and garbage bags are furnished. Participants are asked to check-in the day of the event at one of the following locations. For EST participants, go to General Burnside Island State Park, Waitsboro Recreation Area or Conley Bottom Resort. For CST participants, go to the Lake Cumberland State Park launching ramp, Grider Hill Dock or Wolf Creek Marina (Jabez Area). For more information contact the Friends of Lake Cumberland President Steve Syphax at (606) 451-1402. Also follow Lake Cumberland on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/lakecumberland>.

Laurel River Lake: The annual Big Spring clean up is scheduled in April 2013. Also follow Laurel River Lake on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/laurelriverlake>.

Martins Fork Lake: A trash clean-up and area improvement project is planned from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Saturday) Sept. 29 around the park, trails and shoreline of Martins Fork Lake. Volunteers will also be painting shelters and fixing access areas. Lunch is provided. The starting location is at the Natural Resource Manager's Office. For additional information and directions, contact Park Ranger Brent Sewell at (606) 573-7655. Also follow Martins Fork Lake on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/martinsforklake>.

Old Hickory Lake: Volunteers are going to work from 9 a.m. to noon (Saturday) September 29 doing a variety of activities to benefit public lands and the wildlife habitat. Work projects include planting native trees, restriping the parking lot at Old Union Access, and trail maintenance at the Shute's Branch Bike Trail. Food and drinks will be provided to all participants in appreciation for their efforts. For more information and directions to work locations, call Park Ranger Noel Smith at 615-822-4846. Also follow Old Hickory Lake on Facebook for the latest updates at <http://www.facebook.com/oldhickorylake>.

The Corps has been involved with National Public Lands Day since its inception in 1994 and has consistently been one of the event's largest providers of sites and volunteers. As the nation's leading

federal provider of outdoor and water-based recreation, USACE Headquarters manages 421 lakes and river projects in 43 states. With nearly 90 percent of these projects located within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, the Corps sites provide a wide range of safe, affordable outdoor recreation opportunities close to home.

To locate National Public Lands Day events near you, visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>. For more information on USACE recreation opportunities visit <http://www.CorpsLakes.us> and <http://www.recreation.gov>.

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, on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/nashvillecorps> and on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/nashvillecorps>.

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