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Corps of Engineers and partner organizations to host free Kid's Fishing Day at Lake Russell

SAVANNAH, Ga. – To encourage children to appreciate the great outdoors, the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Richard B. Russell Lake Office](#) has partnered with several state and local organizations to host the 23rd annual **Kid's Fishing Day on Saturday, May 7.**

Along with the [Georgia Department of Natural Resources](#), the Corps is also partnering with the [Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans of America](#), an organization dedicated to the health, education and well-being of disabled veterans and families.

Other partners include the [Outdoor Dream Foundation](#) and [Faith Hunters for Youth](#), which both provide outdoor recreation opportunities for children in need.

"We're honored to partner with our friends at Georgia DNR and with our disabled veterans, who have sacrificed so much for our country, to promote outdoor recreation for our youth," said Erin Parnell, Corps of Engineers park ranger. "We'll also have the opportunity to work with local youth organizations to give disabled, terminally ill or other children the opportunity to experience the joys of fishing."

The event will be held at the Calhoun Falls Bank Fishing Area, located on Hwy. 72 between the Hwy. 72 bridge and Calhoun Falls, S.C. Registration is from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Fishing hours are from 8 to 11 a.m., followed by a 45-minute water safety program. The event concludes with a hot dog lunch beginning at noon. All of the day's events are free. Children 15 and under may participate and are not required to have a fishing license.

"Recreation is an important part of the Corps of Engineers mission at our dam and lake projects like Lake Russell," said Keith Crowe, project manager. "By partnering with state and local organizations to host free events like Kid's Fishing Day, we're not only building relationships, but we're also encouraging the public to develop an appreciation for America's great outdoors."

To pre-register a child, mail, call or fax the following information: the child's name, address, age, and the total number of people in the fishing party. **Send to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Attn: Kids Fishing Day, 4144 Russell Dam Drive, Elberton, GA 30635. Fax to: 706-213-3440.**

Parents and guardians fishing at the event must have a Georgia or South Carolina fishing license. Participants should also bring their own chair, fishing gear and life jacket. In the event of severe weather, the event will be cancelled until further notice.

For additional information, please call Park Ranger Erin Parnell toll free at 1-800-944-7207 or 706-213-3407.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 12 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to equipment shops, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.