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Corps partners with Lake Hartwell Association to host 2011 Clean-Up Campaign

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hartwell Lake](#), in partnership with the [Lake Hartwell Association](#), will host the annual Hartwell Lake Clean-Up Campaign beginning on August 15 and concluding on September 24, National Public Lands Day.

Volunteers such as scout groups, civic clubs, subdivision residents, businesses, as well as families and friends are needed to pick up litter and other non-natural debris on and around the lake.

Volunteers should register in advance at the Visitor's Center or by obtaining a sign-up form online at www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the Hartwell Project Office at 5625 Anderson Hwy, Hartwell, GA 30643. Forms can also be faxed to 706-856-0376.

Upon registering, volunteers will receive more detailed information including safety tips and litter collection areas. Trash bags are provided.

In addition, all registered participants will be invited to a volunteer appreciation picnic on Sept. 24, to celebrate the end of the campaign with activities for children, food, and door prizes.

"The annual lake clean-up provides a chance for people who care about Hartwell Lake to roll up their sleeves and give something back to the lands, water and natural resources we all use and appreciate," said Scott DeMore, Hartwell Lake Park Ranger and co-coordinator of the clean-up campaign. "We encourage everyone with an interest in the lake to come out and help preserve the beauty of Lake Hartwell."

The Hartwell Lake Cleanup Campaign began more than 30 years ago and is included in the nationwide effort for [National Public Lands Day](#). Coordinated by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF), National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with the idea that millions of Americans who use federal, state, and local public lands each year could spend a day volunteering their time to the land and their country. Last year, 170,000 volunteers worked at more than 2,080 sites across the nation.

The clean-up is also part of Georgia's statewide "[Rivers Alive](#)" program and South Carolina's statewide "[Beach Sweep River Sweep](#)" program.

For more information, contact the Hartwell Project Office at 706-856-0300, or toll-free at 888-893-0678, ext. 341.

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