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LONG WEEKEND TO MARK END OF SUMMER VACATION SEASON

SAVANNAH, GA. – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials expect a very busy Labor Day weekend at all three reservoirs on the upper Savannah River. Park rangers expect campgrounds to fill quickly with most already reserved in Corps-run areas. State-operated and locally-operated recreation areas are also expected to be full.

This Labor Day weekend the Corps urges people to think safety first and wear a life jacket. The Corps' "[Wear It!](#)" campaign continues to urge people into life jackets. "Take that one step when getting in or even near the water, and 'Wear It!'", says Christina Westerberg, a park ranger at [Thurmond Lake](#).

"We have loaner life jackets at a number of boat ramps and swimming areas ready for use," said Tanya Grant, a ranger at [Hartwell Lake](#). "It's so easy – take one, wear it, return it. It can save your life."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District has recorded nine drowning deaths at Corps lakes on the Savannah River over the 2010 summer season. "A life jacket could have made the difference for nine people who won't be sharing this Labor Day weekend on the Savannah River with their families," said Glenn Kowalski at the Corps' [Richard B. Russell Lake](#).

This weekend at Thurmond Lake Hayes Marine and the Columbia County Recreation Department will host the first ever "[Boat-In](#)" [Movie Night](#) at Wildwood Park on Saturday. "This will be a fun event for you and your family," said Westerberg. "Come on out and enjoy the festivities."

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