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Volunteers needed for Lake Russell cleanup

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SAVANNAH, GA. -- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Richard B. Russell Lake Office and the Georgia and South Carolina Departments of Natural Resources have joined forces in the nation's largest environmental, hands-on volunteer initiative to improve and enhance public lands. Volunteers are being recruited for a cleanup campaign on the shoreline and islands around Lake Russell that begins on August 27 and concludes on National Public Lands Day, September 27.

The cleanup effort provides an opportunity for people who care about the lake and the environment to roll up their sleeves and give something back to the lake and public lands enjoyed by so many Americans. Volunteers from scout groups, civic organizations, church groups, schools, businesses, along with entire families can participate.

Cleanup times and dates, as well as locations, are flexible. Call the Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers to schedule a convenient time.

Anyone interested in volunteering can obtain a sign-up form online at www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/russell. Simply fill out the form and return by mail or in person to the Russell Lake Office. The sign-up form will also be available at Corps of Engineers' lake offices and state parks. Once registered, volunteers will receive more detailed information including safety tips, litter collection sites, and drop-off locations.

Trash bags will be provided for the cleanup. All participants will receive a map of the lake, sports bottle, t-shirt, and a coupon for one fee-free day at any federal park.

"Our forests, lakes, and recreation areas are a national treasure and keeping them clean means keeping them safe and beautiful for people to enjoy," Corps Park Ranger Angela Jones said. "We hope people will come out to support the cleanup of Lake Russell."

For more information, contact Ranger Jones toll free at 800-944-7207, ext. 3407, or 706-213-3407.

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