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Hartwell Lake clean-up underway; more volunteers needed

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SAVANNAH, Ga. -- The annual Hartwell Lake Clean-Up Campaign is underway and volunteers are still needed to help pick up litter around the lake between now and September 27, National Public Lands Day.

“So far, we have had a good response with a lot of last year’s volunteers participating again, but we would also like to see some new folks participate,” said Hartwell Lake Park Ranger Tanya Grant. “There are still particular areas like old road endings and areas near bridges that need to be cleaned. People that live adjacent to the lake are encouraged to sign up and walk the shoreline in their vicinity.”

This is a great activity for scout groups, civic clubs, subdivision residents, businesses, as well as families and friends in the Hartwell Lake region. Anyone interested in volunteering should call the Hartwell Lake Office at 1-888-893-0678, Ext. 323 to register or go to www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell . Trash bags are supplied and all participants are invited to a free “Volunteer Appreciation” picnic on September 27 where there will be entertainment, free t-shirts, activities for children, food, and door prizes.

Volunteers are urged to sign-up now, however, individuals and groups can pick up litter at their own convenience during the clean-up campaign. “Some groups even pick up litter in the morning on the last day of the campaign, September 27, and then come directly over to the picnic,” said Ranger Grant.

The Cleanup Campaign is coordinated by the **U. S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Hartwell Lake Office and the Lake Hartwell Association**, a non-profit organization that promotes cooperation, assistance and information exchange among those concerned with Hartwell Lake.

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