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Corps to host Clean-Up campaign at J. Strom Thurmond Lake

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' J. Strom Thurmond Lake](#) will host its annual Clean-Up Campaign beginning on August 27 and concluding on National Public Lands Day, September 24, with a volunteer appreciation picnic at the Clarks Hill Park Recreation Area.

The Thurmond Lake Clean-Up Campaign is part of [National Public Lands Day](#), a nationwide program 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.

The Thurmond Lake Clean-Up Campaign encourages volunteers to pick up litter and debris along public lands and waters of the lake, including the shoreline, islands, recreation areas, coves, old road ends and bridge areas.

Volunteers such as scouting groups, civic organizations, sports clubs, church groups, businesses, as well as interested families and individuals who care about preserving public lands and waters are needed to help with the clean-up around the lake.

Volunteers should sign-up in advance at the Visitor Center or by submitting a registration form, available online at www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/thurmond

Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the Thurmond Project Office at 510 Clarks Hill Highway, Clarks Hill, SC 29821. Forms can also be faxed to 864-333-1150.

Volunteers can choose an area of shoreline and remove any glass, paper, plastic or abandoned items. Trash bags are available at the Visitor's Center, or volunteers can bring their own bags. Collected trash can be dropped off at trash receptacles near Corps-operated boat ramps. Volunteers also can choose to participate in a project on National Public Lands Day. Targeted areas for project improvement include: trails, fishing piers, picnic areas, campgrounds, shoreline and more. Kid-friendly projects will also be offered.

All volunteers are invited to a volunteer appreciation picnic to conclude the clean-up campaign on Sept. 24.

For more information, contact the Thurmond Project Office toll free at 1-800-533-3478, extension 1147.

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