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Water safety media opportunity planned for Hartwell Lake June 27

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hartwell Lake Office](#), Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will host a boating and water safety event for media representatives only, Monday, June 27 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Big Oaks Recreation Area.

Media are requested to confirm their attendance no later than June 26 by contacting park rangers Asher Alexander or Zach Harkness at the Hartwell Project Office at 706-856-0300.

Join safety officers and park rangers to learn about differences in state laws, rules governing boating under the influence of alcohol, boating equipment requirements, boater education, the importance of wearing a life jacket, and other boating and water safety issues. In addition, patrol boats will be available to take media members out on the lake for video and photos.

“This event is planned in advance of one of Hartwell’s busiest boating days of the year, the Fourth of July, which is seen by many as a great opportunity to enjoy the lake,” said Park Ranger Asher Alexander. “Each year there are accidents and fatalities involving boating and swimming on area lakes. The Corps of Engineers and other agencies consider the media a vital partner for communicating water and boating safety education to the public.”

Directions: Big Oaks Recreation Area is located next to the Hartwell Lake Office and Visitor Center on U.S. Hwy 29 in Hart County, Ga.

From South Carolina, follow US Hwy. 29 into Georgia, Big Oaks is located approximately one mile past the Georgia/South Carolina state line on the right side of the road (look for the sign).

From Georgia, Big Oaks is located approximately six miles from the City of Hartwell, Ga. Following US Hwy 29 North out of Hartwell, Big Oaks will be on the left (look for the sign) just past the Hartwell Lake Operation Manager’s Office and Visitor Center.

For more information, contact Park Ranger Alexander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Hartwell Lake Project Office, at 706-856-0300 or toll-free at 1-888-893-0678, ext. 336.

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