

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Federal Lands Cleanup Day



Smithville Lake September 28, 2013



The 24th Annual Smithville Lake National Public Lands Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, September 28th, 2013. National Public Lands Cleanup Days purpose is to "showcase the Nation's public lands and the importance of protecting the natural resources through responsible use and volunteerism." At Smithville, the event will consist of removing litter from the shoreline that has accumulated during the recreation season. This activity improves the appearance of Smithville Lake and increases the public's awareness of the litter problems.

Like last years event, we will have a half-day cleanup, a free picnic lunch, and patch for each participant. Individuals, families, organizations and groups are encouraged to volunteer. Participants must pre-register by close of business September 25, 2013. This will prevent a last minute crunch on getting our picnic lunch donations.

To register, please call (816) 389-3947. Give your group name, contact person's name, phone number, and an estimate of the number of participants you will bring. If you have any questions, or if you know of other groups or individuals that have expressed interest in participating, please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Attached find a "Cleanup Day Agenda," a "What to bring list," and a "Cleanup Day Safety Checklist." Please review these with each member of your group.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the very successful cleanup day in 2012, and we hope to see you again this year.



Thank you,

Derek R. Dorsey
Volunteer Coordinator

Cleanup Day Agenda

- 8:00 - 9:00 Check in at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center (located near the south end of the dam on DD Highway). You will receive your area assignment and trash bags.
- 9:00 -12:00 Move to your group's assigned area and work on cleanup.
- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center Shelter House courtesy of our sponsors.
- 1:30 - Presentation of participation patches. Enjoy Smithville Lake - your group may want to hike, fish, or camp overnight. Take some time to look around. Smithville Lake looks a lot nicer, thanks to your effort.

Cleanup Day Safety

1. Sharp objects - broken glass, metal, wire, etc., are commonly found in the park area. Wear protective clothing (gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants, etc.) and use extreme care when handling these items.
2. Poison ivy - poison ivy is found around the project. Know what it looks like and avoid contact with it.
3. Poisonous snakes - by no means common but occasionally found on the project are the timber rattlesnake and the copperhead. Learn to identify, and if encountered alert others and move away from the area. Remember all snakes are protected and are an important and interesting part of the wildlife community.
4. Ticks - ticks are fairly common, so after the cleanup, check yourself thoroughly.
5. Bending and lifting - during the cleanup, take care not to over exert; if you encounter a heavy object, get help to move it.
6. Leaders: Please carry a First Aid Kit for your group during the cleanup. For minor cuts, scrapes, burns, etc....
7. CORROSIVE CHEMICALS - Please advise your group of the hazards related to picking up or handling any containers that may contain chemicals such as 5 gallon cans, 55 gal drums, gasoline cans, some spray cans, gallon jugs. It is very important that gloves and protective clothing are worn to protect from any dangers. Be wary of any containers that are rusting or damaged.

What to Bring

1. Water - Each group should have a good supply of cold drinking water and cups. If you have a large group, try to have one large water cooler per ten participants.
2. Clothing - Participants should wear long pants - not shorts, sturdy shoes or boots (no sandals), a hat, and gloves. Sunscreen and insect repellent would be a good idea too.
3. Lunch - We will break for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 at the Jerry Litton Visitor Center Shelter House. Lunch will be provided courtesy of our sponsors.