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SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
HARTWELL LAKE AND POWERPLANT, 5625 ANDERSON HWY
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Dear Friends,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with the Lake Hartwell Association announce the 29th annual Hartwell Lake Clean Up Campaign will begin on August 14 and conclude on September 26 - National Public Lands Day.

What is it?

The Hartwell Lake Clean Up Campaign is a volunteer clean up of litter and other non-natural debris along the public lands and waters of Hartwell Lake including the shoreline, islands, recreation areas, coves, old road endings, and bridge areas. Last year over 500 volunteers participated.

Why should you get involved?

Our waterways provide many of us with great recreational opportunities like boating, swimming and fishing and they serve as a pleasant respite from our busy day to day lives. This is your opportunity to help by giving something back to the very lands and water that you use and appreciate.

Clean up volunteers of all ages get the satisfaction that comes from preserving and protecting their favorite public places, along with group or family togetherness. Keeping the scene clean creates a safer environment for us, aquatic life and wildlife. The clean up is an excellent activity for civic and youth groups, clubs, neighborhoods, families and friends.

But the benefits don't stop there! All participants will receive a coupon for a fee free day in a federal park and are invited to the **Clean Up Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation Day** at Big Oaks Recreation Area on **Saturday, September 26**, where there will be lots of food, music and activities for children. Each participant attending the picnic will receive a free gift as well as be eligible for a variety of door prizes.

How to get involved!

The way the clean up campaign works is simple! Participants sign up (form attached) to clean an area of Hartwell Lake. The area may be cleaned at your leisure during the campaign dates and trash bags are provided. We can assign a clean up site if you do not have one in mind. Upon registering, you will receive more detailed information including safety tips and drop-off locations for collected litter and debris.

We are proud to have the continued support and partnership of the Lake Hartwell Association (www.lakehartwellassociation.org) in this campaign; they have been instrumental in the continued success of the clean up and picnic. The Hartwell Lake Clean Up Campaign is included in the nationwide program – National Public Lands Day and is also a proud participant in Georgia's "Rivers Alive" and South Carolina's "Beach Sweep River Sweep".

We encourage you to return the enclosed participation form to our office as early as possible to receive your preferred clean up area and additional materials. We have included extra sign up forms for your friends, neighbors and coworkers; additional forms are also available at www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell. For more information, contact Park Ranger Tanya Grant at 706-856-0323 or toll free at 888-893-0678, ext. 323. Make plans now to participate!

Sincerely,

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