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## Corps of Engineers celebrates National Public Lands Day at lakes in Texas

*FORT WORTH*, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is commemorating the 17<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11 of its lakes in Texas. Volunteers at each lake will join more than 150,000 volunteers across America in activities centered on the enhancement of outdoor recreation facilities and the stewardship of public lands.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with just three sites and 700 volunteers. Today, the event has evolved to a partnership of federal, state and local land management agencies. This event brings n volunteers of all ages together to improve and restore the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of our nation's public lands.

NPLD, sponsored by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, Inc., will be conducted at an estimated 1,800 sites. Last year's event was phenomenal with 150,000 volunteers and an estimated 900,000 lbs of trash being picked up, 20,000 invasive plants removed, 1,320 miles of trail maintained and approximately 100,000 native tree and shrubs planted.

The Corps of Engineers has participated in the event annually since 1995 and attracts more volunteers nationwide than any other agency. The Corps manages nearly 12 million acres of public land and water.

The following lists the 11 Corps of Engineers' lakes in Texas participating this year.

**Canyon Lake** POC: Sam Price (830) 964-3341

**Hords Creek Lake** POC: Cherrie Lee Philip (375) 625-2322

**Sam Rayburn Lake** POC: Sam Gramlich (409) 384-5716

**Somerville Lake** POC: John Keinburg (979) 596-1624

**Waco Lake** POC: Eric Haskell (254) 756-5359

**Wright Patman Lake** POC: Karl Keck (903) 838-8781

**Whitney Lake** POC: Brad Ellis (254) 622-3332

**Lake O' the Pines** POC: Trent Parish (903) 665-2336

**Town Bluff** POC: Lynn LaRue (409) 429-3491

**Lake Georgetown** POC: Carey Weber (512) 819-9046

**Lewisville Lake** POC: Dorie Murphy (469) 645-9075

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For information about National Public Lands Day visit [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org) Visit the Fort Worth District web site at [www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil).

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