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700 VOLUNTEERS EXPECTED FOR GREAT AR CLEAN-UP & NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY US Army Corps of Engineers and Lake Dardanelle State Park Host Work Details and Many Recreational Activities On September 27, 2003

At least 70,000 volunteers, including 700 at Bona Dea Trails and Lake Dardanelle State Park, are expected to lend a hand to America's public places on National Public Lands Day on September 27th. Now in its tenth year, the event is the largest annual one-day volunteer hands-on restoration activity for public lands, providing more than \$9 million in real improvements. It brings together thousands of volunteers throughout America to refurbish and restore the lands and facilities Americans use for recreation, education, and just plain enjoyment. Also included in the event is the 34th annual Great Arkansas Clean-Up. The state spends close to \$5 million every year cleaning up litter. Volunteers in 55 Arkansas counties are joining together to make a difference and help put tax dollars to better use. Nine federal agencies participate along with 125 state, county and city partners and a host of nonprofit groups in these two events. Local sponsors this year include Tyson of Russellville, Tyson Training Center, Coca-Cola Bottlers of Morrilton, Wal-Mart of Russellville and Dardanelle, and Phil Wright Autoplex.

WHO: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Arkansas State Parks, Russellville City Parks, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Tech University, Atkins HOFNOD, Holla Bend Bow Hunters, Boy Scouts of America, 4-H Club, Russellville Chamber of Commerce, River Valley Arts Center and Dardanelle Aquatics Resource Team (DART)

WHAT: Great Arkansas Clean Up sign-in at Bona Dea Trails and Lake Dardanelle State Park
Work Detail at Bona Dea and Old Post Road Bike Trail
Fishing Derbies, Kayak and Canoe Races held at Pleasant View
Interpreter led Nature Hikes at Bona Dea Trails
Kids Fishing Derby at Old Post Road Park
Wildlife Photography, Pottery and Watercolor Exhibitions,
Archery Competition, Boat Building Demonstration and Barge Tours
And Free Lunch at Lake Dardanelle State Park

WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 2003 Beginning at 8 a.m.

WHERE: Bona Dea Trail Head, Lake Dardanelle State Park, Old Post Road Park and Pleasant View Fishing and Ski Areas

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