



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Fort Worth District



National Public Lands Day
A National Environmental Education Foundation Program

Canyon Lake Project Area Welcome Packet

Dear Volunteer(s),

The US Army Corps of Engineers is grateful for your willingness to volunteer for the 2016 National Public Lands Day Event. Each year, thousands of volunteers across the nation come together to give of their time in support of our natural national treasures. We appreciate you taking the time to join us at Canyon Lake for our event.

This packet contains most of the information about the National Public Lands Day event at Canyon Lake.

In 2016 we are cleaning up recent flood damage. Some of the projects include: clean up of the water ways (lake and river), trail repair & maintenance, repairs to amphitheater on the Guadalupe Trail, trash removal from the horse trail, trash removal underwater by divers, repair of various trail components, erosion control measures, and others as needed.

We will have various projects that will suit several age ranges and physical abilities. All are welcome to participate, and encouraged to bring family, friends, and neighbors.

Tentative Schedule



Date: Saturday, 11th September 2016

Meeting Place: Noon Lion's Pavilion on left of CRRC

Address: 125 Mabel Jones Dr. Canyon Lake, 78133

Times: See map for location of sign in.

7 am to 8 am — Check in, pick up assignments, Safety Briefings.

8 am to 12 pm — Work on projects

12 pm to 1 pm — Lunch Break

1 pm to ? — Finish projects if needed, or FREE TIME !

What To Wear

All clothes must be protective! Any clothing that would leave you unprotected, bare skinned, get easily snagged/caught, or cause over heating in the sun is **NOT** allowed. Anyone that does not come properly dressed will be required to sit out, asked to change, or sent home. No exceptions! Dress in light colored clothes to prevent overheating. Don't wear it if you don't want it damaged. Call if you have questions.

Clothing Requirements

Necessary for Your Safety	Banned For Your Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Socks (prevents blisters) <input type="checkbox"/> Closed toed shoes only <input type="checkbox"/> Thigh length shorts or pants <input type="checkbox"/> Button up or T-shirts (not shirtless) <input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat or ball cap <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves (leather or cloth) <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Good Examples</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;">   </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Daisy Duke or any short shorts ✗ Flip flops or open toed sandals ✗ Open toed shoes ✗ Clogs (Crocs) ✗ Heels or High heels ✗ Swim suits ✗ Tank tops ✗ Spaghetti straps ✗ Shirts w/open midriffs ✗ Hoodies (too hot) ✗ Loose Jewelry ✗ Loose or baggy pants and shirts <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Bad Examples</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;">    </div>

Items To Bring

Required Items	Suggested Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle* <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves (leather/cloth) <input type="checkbox"/> Tools as related to your project <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contact and instructions <input type="checkbox"/> Medications You Need <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Agreement Form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block (spf 30-80 is good)# <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Camera <input type="checkbox"/> Towel <input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene Items <input type="checkbox"/> Hand wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Personal snacks



*We will have volunteers checking and providing water refills during the projects

If you're going to be in the water, use sun blocks that are wildlife friendly.



Health and Medications!



We will have a volunteer coordinator on site. That person will be in charge of any minor and major needs that might arise. Let the coordinator know immediately when you arrive if you have potential medical needs so we can be prepared properly. Everything is confidential.

If you have any medical condition(s), we encourage you to bring everything you need.

If someone has a basic medical need, find a project coordinator or park ranger. If an emergency arises, call 911 immediately, and then contact the medical coordinator.

Recreational Activities

At the lake you are allowed to camp, boat, ski, canoe, swim, scuba dive, horse back riding, fish, hike, run, jog, skip, suntan, picnic, etc. These activities are to be done before and after, but NOT during the volunteer time. The link at left will take you to our recreation info page.



Contact the **Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce** for a list of local recreational businesses: (830) 964-2223 or Toll Free (800) 528-2104

CAMPING!



Camping is provided Friday and Saturday nights. All camping fees are waived for volunteers of this event. Space is limited! If you plan to camp, please contact an event coordinator to secure a spot ahead of time. You can stay for one or both nights.

SCUBA DIVERS



You are welcome to dive anywhere on the lake as long as you are diving certified or have a certified instructor with you. Those that are cleaning up the lake or river bottom will be assigned camping locations in parks near their clean up areas. You must bring your own gear to participate in any diving. We provide nothing.

MAPS!

Do you need a map to find your way around during the volunteer event? You can use the QR code on the right to access all of the park maps we have available online.



BOATING/ CANOEING /SKIING

There are 23 boat ramps around the lake. Several local marinas rent recreational vessels. Please obey all boating rules and laws.





FISHING

Fishing on federal property requires a state fishing license. You are welcome to fish any part of the lake or shore.

SWIMMING

There are NO life guards on duty. If you can not swim, do not get in the water unless you are wearing a life jacket. Please have all children in a life jacket for their safety.

In Comal Park, we have a few loaner life jackets you may borrow while visiting that park. You are responsible for returning the life jacket at the end of the day.

Please use US Coast Guard approved floatation device. Always watch your family. Anyone can drown regardless of age, gender, health, or ethnicity.



HIKING & BIKING TRAILS

Madrone trail in Canyon Park is available for hiking and mountain biking enthusiasts.

The trail is not for beginner bikers. It is ruff and rocky. Hikers of all ages are welcome on the trail. It is approximately 8 miles long and it weaves through out the entire park. Feel free to hike all or part of the trail. There are some shorter more level trails around the lake marked on the map also.



You are also welcome to bike in the parks you camp and visit. Please wear safety gear at all times and obey rules of road.



Hancock Trail is available for hiking, biking and horseback riding. It winds along the shore for 3.64 miles before looping back. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for local businesses that provide equestrian riding day trips.



LUNCH



Lunch will be provided. It will be a simple lunch, but you are welcome to brown bag your lunch if you choose. If things change, we will let you know.

Stay hydrated: Drink Water! Avoid: energy drinks, coffee, soda or other highly sugary drinks. Even though they taste good, they will cause dehydration.

Due to allergies, we ask that you don't share anything you bring to eat or drink.

Rain Day



IF it is raining, we will still have the event. Bring a rain coat if needed. If the weather is severe enough to cancel, the make up date is the following weekend of the 26th September 2015. We will notify everyone if we must reschedule.

PETS



You may bring your pets to the event, but we advise against it. Your time is valuable as a volunteer, and pets will distract. Please leave them home if possible.

If you bring your pets. Here are our rules.

1. No pets in the swim beach area at Comal Park or in all of Canyon Beach Park.
2. They poop, You Scoop! They are your responsibility, not ours.
3. Must be on a 6 foot or shorter leash at all times.
4. Must have tags/id in case they get free or lost.
5. Aggressive pets or a pet trained to defend or attack is NOT welcome.



Your pet needs water and food as much as you do. Do not leave your pet in the sun all day. They can over heat just like you.

Event Contacts

If you have any questions feel free to contact the event coordinators listed below. You can currently download some maps of the lake and parks from the USACE website.

<p>US Army Corps of Engineers Contact: Samuel Price Email: Samuell.H.Price@usace.army.mil Phone: (830) 964 - 3341 Fax: (830) 964 - 2215</p>	
<p>Lake Website: Find maps and other information at this location. You can use the URL or scan the QR code to access the site. http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/canyon/index.asp#Events</p>	

Once again, thank you for volunteering for the local Canyon Lake National Public Lands Day event. We look forward to your participation and contribution. Please come ready to work and have fun.

We look forward to seeing you here at Canyon Lake.

Sincerely,

Samuell Price

US Army Corps of Engineers

WARNING! LEGAL MATERS!

ALL individuals MUST sign the volunteer agreement form and have a safety briefing BEFORE starting a project on federal lands.



Bring a **Camera!** Take home pictures



not nature.



It is **illegal** to remove **ANY** natural resource from federal lands. Please leave what you find behind and only take pictures home with you so others can enjoy the resource too.

Rules!

Yes, we have a few basic rules to keep you safe and out of trouble. **BUT** these are not the only rules so ask if you are not sure about what you can do while at the lake.

1. Do not bring anything that even remotely resembles a gun or bow. No air soft or anything that can shoot a projectile. They are illegal on federal property.
2. For those that are choosing to camp over the weekend, camp fires in designated fire rings will be allowed as long as there is no burn ban due to drought.
3. While volunteering, do your best to stay within sight of your project coordinator, leader or guardian at all times. Your safety is our concern. Do not wonder off.
4. During the day, stay in groups of two or more during the project or even going to a restroom. There is safety in numbers.
5. Do **NOT** attempt to feed or pet the wild life. The deer will be entering rutting season soon and may be aggressive or protective of their family.
6. Report all accidents immediately to a project coordinator or park ranger.
7. Federal Lands are managed under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 36 – Parks, Forests, and Public Property. Citations will be issued to those that choose to break the law that protects the parks.

Title 36

Can be found on the local Canyon lake website. You may use the link below or the QR code to access more information about Title 36 and the laws that govern federal lands.

<http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/canyon/Title36.asp>





The Preston Memorial Library

CRRC

Mabel Jones Dr

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Coleman Betty

Register Here

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