

Teleconference Webcast: NRM Partnerships Program

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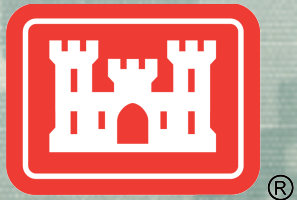
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Introduction to the NRM Partnership Program

FY15 Partnership Webinar
January 28, 2015



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What is a Partnership?

- A relationship where people work together to achieve goals
- Voluntary collaboration working toward a common objective related to the agency/partner's mission
- Combines individual strengths to solve problems
- Builds consensus and broad-based community support



- Leverages funds and resources to meet challenges and improve opportunities
- Appropriate legal authority, consistent with agency policies



What is a Partnership?



- They may be formal or informal.
- Can be as simple as a contribution of materials, services, or funds (It is NOT a lease, license, or contract)
- Partnerships grow and change with time.
- Partnerships are not about doing more with less, but doing more with more partners.



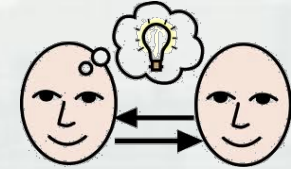
Building the Partnership Paradigm

- Partnerships should be treated like a marriage.
- Be proactive. Don't wait until you need something from someone.
- Attend local community events and make personal invitations to potential partners.
- Never pass up a good catalyst.
- Where there is a will, there is a way.
- Partnerships are not "free." They take time and effort to cultivate, and require a foundation built on trust to be successful.



What's the Big Deal About Partnerships?

- Avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and promote coordinated efforts to resolve common challenges



- Partnerships are not only important, they are a necessity!
- Agency culture needs to promote partnering as a part of the management model and encourage training for staff.
- FY 15 Recreation budget = \$247 million. Without sustainable cost-effective partnerships => Decrease in services and amenities and degradation of natural resources
- FY 14 partnerships reported in OMBIL: 1,233 partnerships with a total value of \$55.7 million
- 48,200 Corps volunteers contributed 1,494,051 hours of work with a value of \$33.7 million



FY 14 OMBIL Partnerships Fact Sheet

Total Value of Partnerships: \$55,672,328
(Corps \$9.5 million investment/Partner leveraged value \$46.1 million)
Total partnerships: 1,233

MVD: \$3,878,594
345 (MVS: 186, MVK: 57, MVR: 47, MVP: 47, MVN: 8)

NWD: \$42,221,605
245 (NWS: 77, NWP: 67, NWK: 43, NWW: 39, NWO: 19)

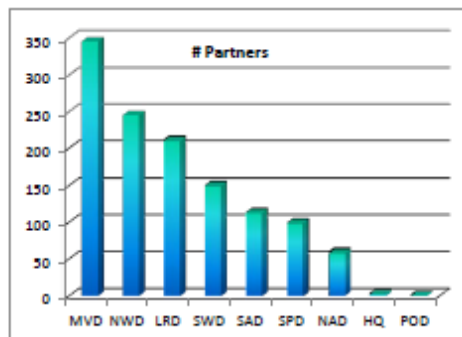
LRD: \$1,463,349
211 (LRH: 75, LRN: 50, LRL: 39, LRP: 28, LRB: 17, LRE: 2)

SWD: \$1,569,490
151 (SWL: 66, SWF: 58, SWT: 27)

SAD: \$1,358,719
114 (SAW: 51, SAM: 39, SAS: 24)

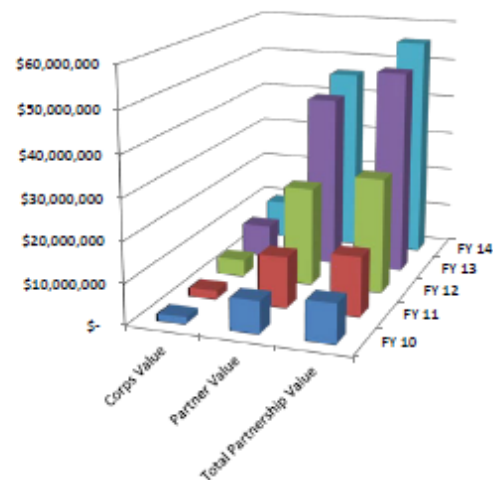
SPD: \$1,880,802
100 (SPK: 85, SPN: 11, SPA: 4)

HQ: \$1,817,890
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NAD: \$1,473,655
60 (NAB: 33, NAE: 20, NAP: 7)

POD: \$8,224
2 (POA: 2)



Partner Volunteers: 18,261
(of 48,200 total Corps volunteers = 38%)

Partner Volunteer Hours: 222,207
Equivalent to 126 FTE
(of 1,494,051 total hours = 15%)

Value of Partner Volunteer Service: \$5,010,804
(of \$33,699,850 total volunteer value)

Top 25 Corps Partnering Projects

Project	Number of Partners	\$ Value of Partnerships
Lower Granite Lock and Dam	1	\$ 6,866,098
Dworshak Reservoir	7	\$ 5,928,305
McNary Lock and Dam	12	\$ 5,328,564
Albeni Falls	18	\$ 3,448,276
Ice Harbor	5	\$ 2,977,747
Lower Monumental Lock and Dam	1	\$ 2,941,344
Little Goose Lock and Dam	1	\$ 2,906,616
Libby Dam	20	\$ 2,299,640
Chief Joseph Dam	36	\$ 2,292,927
HQUSACE	4	\$ 1,817,890
The Dalles	10	\$ 1,239,157
Raystown Lake	23	\$ 960,727
Bonneville Lock and Dam	18	\$ 904,996
Mud Mountain Dam	1	\$ 800,000
Lake Sonoma	8	\$ 752,377
Cougar Lake	1	\$ 590,765
Foster Lake	3	\$ 561,188
Carlyle Lake	73	\$ 553,015
Lookout Point	4	\$ 445,713
Rend Lake	23	\$ 434,236
Harlan County Lake	3	\$ 404,954
Red Rock Lake	17	\$ 397,131
Success Lake	10	\$ 383,726
Lake Shelbyville	40	\$ 372,698
Missouri River b/w MO River & Minneapolis	<u>17</u>	<u>\$ 340,144</u>
	356	\$ 45,948,234





Volunteer Program FY 14 Annual Update



Making a difference

Volunteers play an invaluable role in helping the Corps of Engineers meet our recreation and environmental stewardship program goals. Each year, they give their time, expertise and resources to serve the more than 370 million visitors who enjoy Corps managed lands and waters.

During the 2014 fiscal year 48,200 total volunteers donated 1,494,051 hours – the equivalent of 849 full time employees. The value of their labor was \$33,690,850. With more than 3,200 employees in the natural resources management community, volunteer work equals approximately 27 percent of our workforce. More than 60 cooperating associations and many more national and local partners also provide volunteers to help support the work of the Corps.

Where does someone find out about volunteer opportunities?

Corps personnel can recruit their own volunteers or get help from the Volunteer Clearinghouse, a national information center at www.corpslakes.us/volunteer/ and post their opportunities on www.volunteer.gov. There is also toll free number: 800-VOL-TEER (800-865-8337) for people interested in volunteering at Corps sites.



Who Are Our Volunteers?

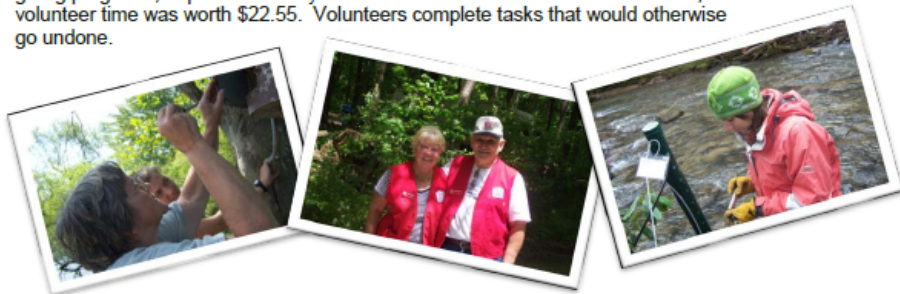
Our volunteers are people who want to give back to their communities and are interested in the work of the Corps natural resource management program. They are parents who want to bring their family out for a day of service together, retirees willing to share a wealth of knowledge and experience, outdoor enthusiasts wishing to create and maintain their favorite recreation opportunities, and concerned citizens of all ages interested in making meaningful contributions. Whether it is an

environmental ethic, a love of parks, or enthusiasm for the outdoors, like-minded volunteers gather to share their passions while contributing to the good of their communities.

What Do Our Volunteers Do?

Volunteers perform a variety of tasks. Some work full-time; others give a few hours a week or month; and still others help during special events. We match our volunteers' talents and interests to work to be done, which varies from site to site, in order to achieve our natural resource goals. Volunteers serve as park and campground hosts, staff visitor centers, lead tours and educational activities, clean shorelines, restore fish and wildlife habitat, manage cultural resources, perform administrative duties, work with computers and other technical equipment, maintain Corps facilities, and much more.

Although volunteers' skills, knowledge, and time are priceless, the Corps uses the figure calculated annually by the Independent Sector, the leadership forum for charities, foundations and corporate giving programs, to put a monetary value on volunteer contributions. For FY 14, an hour of volunteer time was worth \$22.55. Volunteers complete tasks that would otherwise go undone.



National Public Lands Day 2014

Each year, on the last Saturday in September, Corps volunteers come out in droves to participate in National Public Lands Day. This year, more than 16,600 volunteers helped remove 138,000 pounds of trash, cleaned 160 miles of roadway and 1,322 miles of shoreline, built/maintained 143 miles of trails, improved 132 acres of habitat, and planted 1,100 trees and shrubs.



Corps-wide Volunteer Contributions: FY 99 – 14



Fiscal Year	# of Volunteers	Hours Served	Hourly Value	Value of Service
1999	20,840	280,355	\$ 14.56	\$4,081,969
2000	48,291	568,875	\$ 15.09	\$8,584,324
2001	46,083	624,430	\$ 15.68	\$9,791,062
2002	51,649	893,263	\$ 16.27	\$14,533,389
2003	55,662	1,167,062	\$ 16.74	\$19,536,618
2004	55,522	1,156,360	\$ 17.19	\$19,877,828
2005	53,547	1,322,462	\$ 17.55	\$23,209,208
2006	52,505	1,324,042	\$ 18.04	\$23,885,718
2007	54,353	1,319,557	\$ 18.77	\$24,768,085
2008	59,815	1,434,140	\$ 19.51	\$27,980,071
2009	59,111	1,489,587	\$ 20.25	\$30,164,117
2010	54,939	1,348,328	\$ 20.85	\$28,112,639
2011	55,315	1,390,816	\$ 21.36	\$29,707,830
2012	53,039	1,580,039	\$ 21.79	\$34,429,050
2013	51,368	1,593,452	\$ 22.14	\$35,279,027
2014	48,200	1,494,051	\$ 22.55	\$33,690,850

Volunteer Contributions by Division in FY 14

Division	# of Volunteers	Hours Served	Value of Service	Full-Time Equivalent
LRD	9,286	203,739	\$4,594,314	116
MVD	9,587	242,175	\$5,461,046	138
NAD	2,636	38,204	\$861,500	22
NWD	3,919	111,541	\$2,515,250	63
POD	147	2,612	\$58,901	1.5
SAD	10,996	410,574	\$9,258,444	233
SPD	4,156	76,317	\$1,720,948	43
SWD	7,473	408,899	\$9,220,447	232



Volunteer Annual Day Use Pass

In 2013, the Corps established a volunteer pass program to support and recognize volunteers who have served the Corps in an exemplary way. Volunteers who have served a minimum of 100 hours at Corps managed areas are eligible to receive a waiver of all day use fees via an Annual Day Use Pass. The main goal of the program is to increase visitation to Corps parks by enticing volunteers to visit new places, bring friends and family, and continue to explore and enjoy Corps recreation areas.



Partnership Connection to the Recreation Strategic Plan

- Partnerships show up in all four Goals, with heavy focus in Goal 2 and are mentioned in 29 action items (approx. 1/3)
- Ensure access to water resources and quality outdoor recreation opportunities through new authorities and increased partnerships.

- Recreation Strategy action items in progress:

- ▶ Working with Office of Counsel on consistent policies
- ▶ Strengthening military partnerships – Military pass program, CAST Take a Warrior Fishing program, employment of Wounded Warriors
- ▶ Engaging the CNREF to develop an alliance of cooperating associations
- ▶ Building partnership competencies at all levels – NRMG pages, PROSPECT class, webinars: Please spread the word!



Partnering Authorities/Guidance

- **WRDA 1992: Sec 203 (33 USC 2325) and Sec 225 (33 USC 2328), PL 98-63 (33 USC 569c):** Authority to accept contributions, volunteers, and set up Challenge Partnership Agreements
- **42 USC 1856a, 42 USC 1962d, 41 USC 501, 31 USC 1535, 31 USC 6301, WRDA 2000: Sec 213 (33 USC 2339), 15 USC 3710a, 33 USC 2313, 10 USC 2358:** Authorities to enter into cooperative agreements for fire protection, education/training, research & development, and law enforcement services
- **ER/EP 1130-2-500,** Partners and Support, Chapter 9 (Cooperating Associations), Chapter 10 (Volunteers), Chapter 11 (Contributions), Chapter 12 (Challenge Partnerships, formerly Challenge Cost Share)
- **Executive Order 13352,** 26 Aug 2004, Facilitation of Cooperative Conservation: Orders agencies to work together to meet conservation goals



New Partnering Authorities

WRRDA 2014 – Section 1047

- (b) Cooperative Management- Authorizes cooperative agreements for cooperative management at Corps lakes with State or local governments where recreation areas are adjacently located
- (c) Use of Funds- Allows the use of Corps funds to support activities carried out by State, local, tribal, public or private nonprofit entities to enhance recreation opportunities. Transfer of funds would be through a cooperative agreement
- (d) Services of Volunteers- Expands on definition of ‘incidental expenses’ for volunteers
- (e) Training and Educational Activities- Changes Sec 213a of WRDA 2000 to include training/educational activities off Corps lands
- National PDT currently developing implementation guidance. Will also develop training and updated ER/EP chapters



7 USACE Authorized Partnership Types: Choosing the Right Tool for the Job

NOTE: Sometimes, more than one type of agreement will work for your partnership. The length, complexity and extent of the project or partnership should drive the choice of agreement tool/partnership type

- **Economy Act Agreements:** Agreements for services and/or supplies with other federal agencies which are only used when goods/services can't be provided as conveniently or cheaply by commercial contract
- **Cooperative Agreements:** Agreements for services and/or supplies with state, county, city, or other organizations. USACE authority for cooperative agreements is limited to specific types.
- **Cooperating Associations:** Tax-exempt non-profit, free-standing corporate entities with boards of directors, set up through a cooperating association agreement



7 USACE Authorized Partnership Types

- **Challenge Partnerships:** A type of partnership agreement with non-Federal public and private entities on facilities and natural resources maintained at full Federal expense
- **Memorandums of Understanding/Agreement (MOU/MOA):** “Agreement to agree” but does not obligate funds. MOA establishes legal terms that will be included in a support agreement/reimbursable order to follow
- **Volunteer Agreements:** Allow the Corps to accept services of volunteers for a variety of natural resources work with the exception of law enforcement and policy-making
- **Contributions Program:** Simplest form of partnership. Acceptance of money, materials, or services from groups and individuals geared toward environmental stewardship, restoration, and recreation





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District Commanders are responsible for approval/execution of most partnering agreements. However, this authority can be delegated to the Chief of Operations or the Operations Project Manager through a delegation of [authority memo](#). The Corps of Engineers has a number of authorities and programs that allow it to provide work or funds or accept work or funds from Federal, State, Tribal, or non-Federal entities. The following list includes the partnership types within our authorities.

[Challenge Partnerships](#) – The Corps can enter into agreements to accept funds, materials, and services from non-Federal public and private entities to provide for operation and/or management and development of recreation facilities and natural resources at water resource development projects, where such facilities are being maintained at full federal expense. This program allows the Corps to accept services or funds in the above circumstances; it does not permit the Corps to reimburse for services. The contributed resources are combined with regular project resources to accomplish work within current authorities and contained in the annual or five-year plan in the approved operational management plan. (33 U.S.C. §2328; [EP 1130-2-500, Chapter 12](#); [ER 1130-2-500, Chapter 12](#)).

[Cooperating Associations](#) – The Corps may enter into cooperative agreements with tax-exempt, non-profit organizations that volunteer services to the Corps. Cooperating associations are used to accomplish such broad goals as natural resource management, interpretation and visitor service activities at Corps civil works projects, fee-owned lands, and other areas for which the Corps has administrative and management responsibilities. ([EP 1130-2-500, Chapter 9](#); [ER 1130-2-500, Chapter 9](#)).

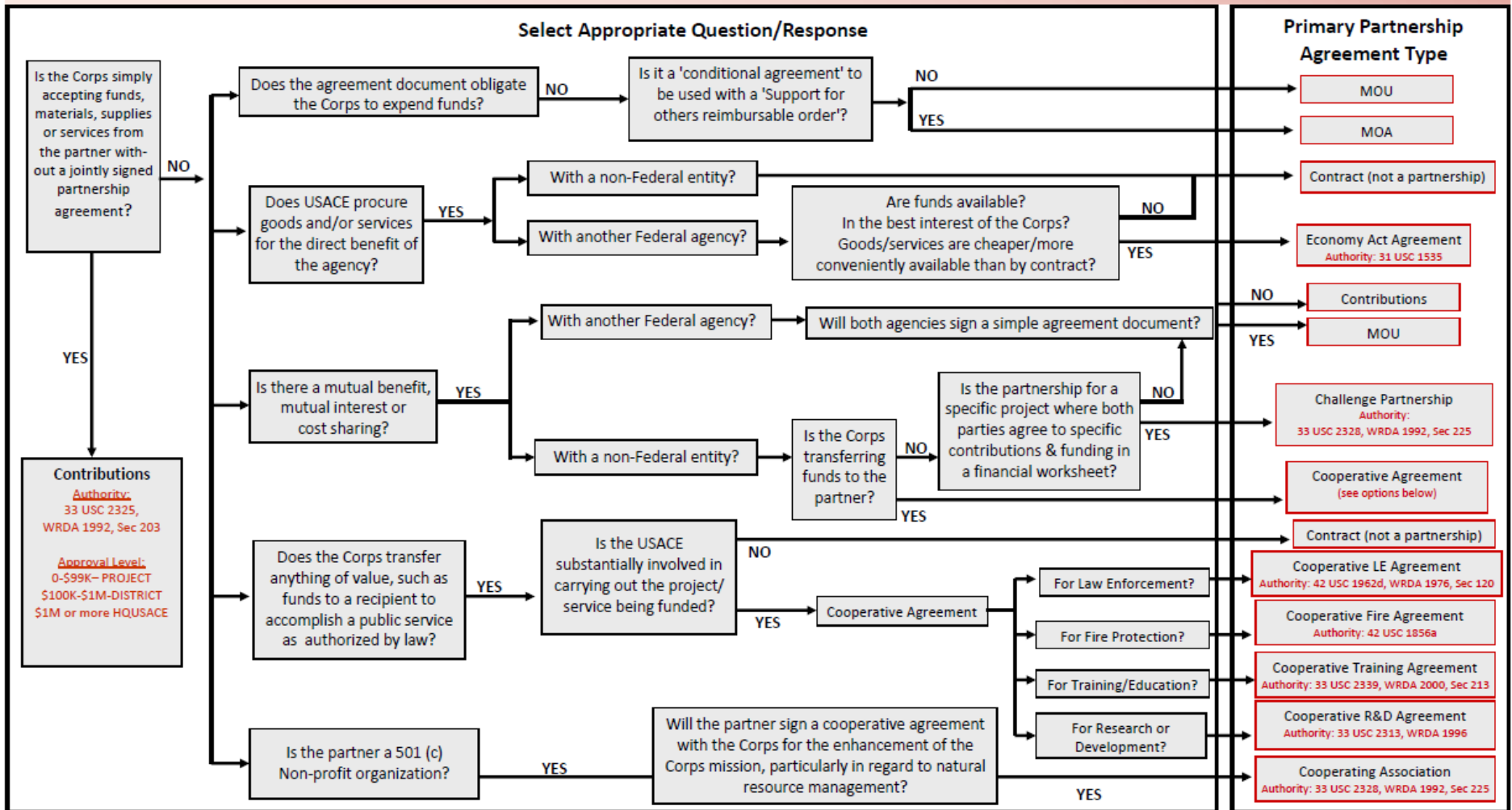
[Volunteers](#) – The Corps is authorized to accept the services of volunteers to carry out any Corps activity except policy-making or law enforcement. Volunteer agreements allow the Corps to accept the services of volunteers and to provide for their incidental expenses. (33 U.S.C. §569c; [ER 1130-2-500, Chapter 10](#); [EP 1130-2-500, Chapter 10](#); [EP 1130-2-429](#)).

[Contributions Program](#) – The Corps is authorized to accept contributions of cash, funds, materials, and services from persons, including governmental entities but excluding the project sponsor, in connection with carrying out a water resources project for environmental protection, restoration or recreation. Contributions must be used for work items within current authorities and contained in an approved annual five-year operational management plan. A contributions plan serves as the agreement for this program. Note: Real estate cannot be accepted under this program. (33 U.S.C. §2325; [EP 1130-2-500, Chapter 11](#); [ER 1130-2-500, Chapter 11](#)).

[Memoranda of Understanding \(MOU\)/Memoranda of Agreement \(MOA\)](#) – These are “agreements to agree” which coordinate the Corps’ authorized activities with another entity. MOUs often state common goals and nothing more. Thus, MOUs do not contemplate funds transfers and should usually include language that states something similar to: “This is not a funds obligating document; by signing this agreement the parties are not bound to take any action or fund any initiative.” They may be used to run a program a certain way so that it functions better with the program of a sister agency, for example.


USACE NRM Partnership Agreement Decision Tree

(for Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Partnerships)



Economy Act Agreements

Agreements for services and/or supplies with other federal agencies

- Rogue River and USFS: Forest Health Services 
- Lucky Peak and BLM: Electrical transmissions lines to power recreation area
- Omaha District and NPS: Environmental remediation, technical assistance



- Lake Ouachita and USFS: Prescribed burns, trail maintenance, construction
- Portland District and BLM: Prescribed burns
- Upper Mississippi River and USFWS: Habitat improvements

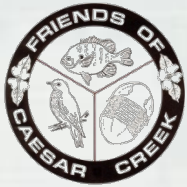


USACE Cooperative Agreements

Note: USACE authority for cooperative agreements related to the recreation and environmental stewardship is limited to specific types/ purposes:

- Law enforcement services
- Fire protection services
- Educational and training activities
- Research and development





Cooperating Associations



- Legal entity, organized under state law
- Non-profit tax-exempt status under IRS 501 (c) codes
- Operate under the terms of a cooperating association agreement with the Corps
- Free-standing corporate entity with board of directors
- Can purchase equipment and materials for use at Corps projects
- Can operate bookstores on-site
- Can conduct and/or fund programs and volunteer recognition events
- Develops partnerships with communities and improves communication among constituencies

*The Corps currently has 60 cooperating associations. Listed on NRMG



Challenge Partnerships

- Provide opportunities for non-federal public and private groups and individuals to contribute and participate in the operation and/or management of Corps natural resources and recreation facilities.
- Allows USACE to accept funds or materials for an operating project
- Cannot accept real estate (land)
- Partnership on Corps operated lands and waters; cannot be used with lessees
- Work is generally accomplished during one fiscal year.
- **NOTE:** Challenge Partnerships (formerly known as Challenge Cost Sharing) are NOT the same as traditional cost sharing (PL 102-580 vs. PL 89-72)



Handshake Partnership Program

- Initiate new, or enhance existing recreation and natural resource partnerships by providing a financial incentive (up to \$30,000)
- Demonstrate the “handshake” not a handout concept
- 145 partnerships funded since 2004 with a total value of \$10.1 million and 60% partner share (\$6.1M)
- Applications will be due October 1. Announcement in late June.
- \$350,000 available for award this year
- Bonus Points - Projects where the partners’ contributions meet or exceed 70% of the total project costs = 100 bonus points
- Projects that have never been chosen to receive Handshake funding previously = 100 bonus points additional partner



Handshake Program

The Handshake Program offers a source of seed money to Corps installations for worthwhile partnership projects. The intent of this program is to initiate new, or enhance existing recreation and natural resources management opportunities. The objective is to provide an incentive to Corps projects to utilize partnering initiatives to their fullest potential. In addition, this funding is intended to encourage local organizations to partner with the Corps to construct, operate, and/or maintain local partnering projects. The Handshake Program is a way for the Corps to demonstrate our recognition that partnerships flow in both directions (i.e. partnerships are a "handshake," not a handout). Corps leadership has demonstrated their commitment to a partnership culture by establishing this program.

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, USACE has no authority or mechanism to give a non-federal partner funds. Contact your district partnering POC or division Partnership PDT member if you have questions concerning this issue.

Questions about this program should be directed to [Allen Gwinn](#), Handshake Program POC at 814-658-6810.

- 2015 Application
 - [Announcement Memo](#)
 - [Instructions](#)
 - Handshake 2015 webinar: [PDF](#) | [Video](#)
 - [Application Form](#) *To save, select SAVE after clicking link*
- [Handshake Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Challenge Partnership Template](#)

Final Report Forms

- [FY 2014](#)
- [FY 2013](#)
- [FY 2012](#)
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MOU/MOA

- MOU “Agreement to agree” but does not obligate funds. Used for simple common-cause agreements which are not legally binding.
- MOAs, on the other hand, establish common legal terms that establish a “conditional agreement” where the transfer of funds for services are anticipated.
 - Savannah District and Outdoor Dream Foundation: Recreation opportunities for seriously ill children
 - DeGray Lake and Alcoa Metals: Wildlife Management
 - Pittsburgh District and 411th Engineer Brigade: Construction
 - Portland District and Naval Undersea Warfare Center MOA: Underwater inspections, surveys, and repairs



National MOUs/MOAs

All MOUs and MOAs listed are Natural Resources proponent unless otherwise noted.

- [Archive of MOUs/MOAs](#)

Agency	Start Date	Description	End Date
American Chestnut Foundation	12/2009	MOU between USACE and the American Chestnut Foundation Purpose: To restore the American Chestnut on USACE lands	In effect until terminated
Association of Partners for Public Lands	10/2003	MOU between USACE and APPL Purpose: Partner on training, communication products, and policy	In effect until terminated
BASS	6/1996	MOU between Bass Anglers Sportsman Society and USACE Purpose: Maintain and enhance sportfishery resources, public fishing opportunities, and increase public understanding	In effect until terminated
BoatU.S.	2006	MOU between BoatU.S. and USACE Purpose: Cooperate on boating and water safety education outreach, materials, and education	In effect until terminated
Boy Scouts of America	3/1987	Cooperative Agreement between USACE and BSA Purpose: Work together to protect, develop, and conserve water resources	In effect until terminated
Bureau of Reclamation	2/2005	Partnership Agreement between BLM and USACE Purpose: Collaborate in executing each agency's responsibilities for developing, managing and protecting the nation's water and related land resources.	In effect until terminated
Cooperative Conservation	1/2009	MOU between the USACE and Cooperative Conservation (Department of Agriculture, DOC, DOD, DOI, and CEQ) Purpose: Identify issues, develop solutions, and share best practices in collaborative natural resource and environmental management	In effect until terminated
Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation	10/2007	MOU between the USACE and the CNREF Purpose: Develop a non-profit foundation to support the Corps NRM program	In effect until terminated
Council for Environmental Education	3/2006	MOU between USACE and the Council for Environmental Education Purpose: To cooperate in activities to advance environmental education and training	In effect until terminated
Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ECISMA)	12/2008	MOU between South Florida Water Management District, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, USACE, FWS, and NPS Purpose: Work together to control invasive plants and/or animals, and make recommendations for treatment	In effect until terminated
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	2003	MOA between the FAA, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, EPA, FWS, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Purpose: To address aircraft-wildlife strikes	In effect until terminated
Federal Highway Administration	3/2004	MOA between USACE and FHWA Purpose: Collaborate to provide goods and services	In effect until terminated
Federal Prison Industries	11/1992	MOA between Federal Prison Industries, U.S. Bureau of Prisons and USACE Purpose: Production and shipment of signs	In effect until terminated
Girl Scouts	11/1990	Cooperative Agreement between Department of the Army and the Girl Scouts of the USA Purpose: Work together to protect, develop, and conserve water resources	In effect until terminated
GSA Customer Survey Services	8/2000	MOA between the USACE and GSA Purpose: Provide goods and services	In effect until terminated
International Mountain Bicycling Association	9/28/02	MOU between USACE and IMBA Purpose: To create, manage, and develop trail opportunities for mountain biking at Corps facilities	In effect until terminated

Volunteers

In 2014: 48,200 Corps volunteers contributed 1,494,051 hours of work with a value of \$33.7 million

- Receive protection for personal liability under the Tort Claims Act
- Entitled to first aid and medical treatment for on-the-job injuries under the Federal Employees Compensation Act
- Operate government owned or leased vehicles
- Sell permits
- Collect fees

Cannot:

- Create policy
- Perform law enforcement duties



Benefits of Volunteers



- Create advocacy: Volunteers are some of our best cheerleaders and much more likely to donate financially, with 78% contributing \$25 or more versus 38% of non-volunteers.
- Create connection: Volunteers have an increased appreciation for the lands and waters where they serve
- Supports learning: Volunteers conduct many of our outreach programs
- Energizes donors: Philanthropists like to see projects supported by strong volunteer corps

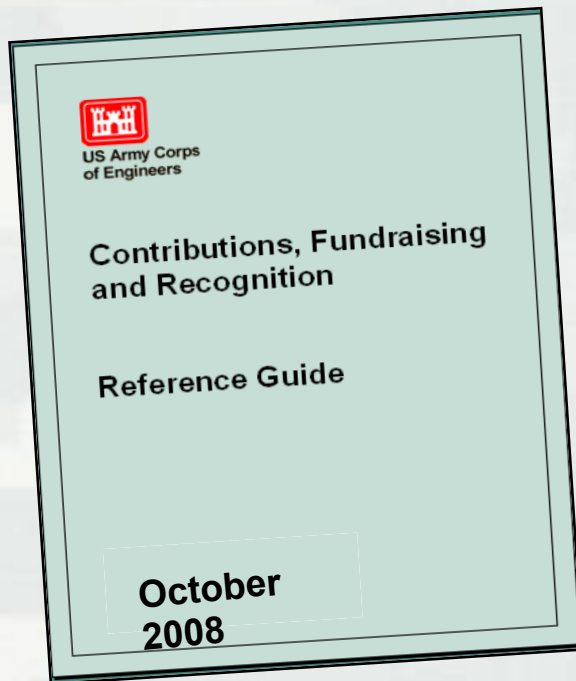


Volunteers

- National Volunteer Clearinghouse:
 - ▶ 800-VOL-TEER (800-865-8337)
 - ▶ www.CorpsLakes.us/volunteers
 - ▶ POC: Allison Walker (615) 736-7988
- www.volunteer.gov
- Volunteer application: Optional Form 301 (Can be downloaded at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/volunteer/volunteer.cfm>)
- Volunteer Agreement: Optional Form 301A
- OF 301, 301A, and 301B (new form) awaiting OMB approval
- Applicants under 18 must have parental or legal guardian consent



Contributions, Fundraising and Recognition Reference Guide



The Guide sets forth:

- ▶ Roles and responsibilities of Corps employees
- ▶ Criteria for determining when contributions may be accepted
- ▶ Permissible activities associated with fundraising
- ▶ Appropriate forms of donor recognition.

(Statement to include in Project OMP)

“It is the policy of the Corps of Engineers that contributions to provide for operation and management of recreation facilities and protection and restoration of natural resources at civil works water resource projects shall be accepted and used, as provided by PL 102-580, Water Resources Development Act, 1992 (106 Stat. 4838, 33 United States Code (USC) 2328, Section 203). Contributions which are within current authorities, consistent with the Corps mission, and are for work items contained in an approved annual or five-year Operational Management Plan may be accepted.”



Contribution and Donor Recognition Plan

- Template document that can be used by districts or projects. Approved by HQ Counsel/RM.
- Describes general categories of work identified in MP/OMP eligible to accomplish under the authority of the Corps Contributions program
- Includes methods for receiving and accounting for monetary contributions
- Describes procedures for recognizing contributors and ensuring that recognition is commensurate with the level of donation
- Plan template released in December 2011. It serves as an approved example, but will not be a mandatory format.
- Still need plans from LRE, LRN, NAE, POA, POH, SWG



Contributions and Recognition Guide, and Example Plans

[Contributions, Fundraising and Recognitions Reference Guide](#) - October 2008

[Contribution and Donor Recognition Plan template](#) - Approved by HQUSACE Office of Counsel

[Certificate of Appreciation, ENG FORM 4883, SEP 2012](#) (pdf file)

[Corps Contribution Program for Environmental Protection, Restoration, and Recreation at Water Resources Projects - A Summary](#)

Supporting documentation/memos from Office of Counsel and CECW-CO

- o [8 Dec 2011 - Contributions & Donor Recognition Plans; Clarification of Construction Services as Contributions](#)
- o [21 Nov 2011 - Construction by Non-Federal Entities at USACE Civil Works Properties](#)
- o [12 Oct 2011 - Draft Contributions and Recognition Plan](#)

- [HQUSACE Contributions Plan](#), October 2012
- LRH, [John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Contribution Plan](#), August 2002
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- LRL, [Contributions Plan for Rough River Lake](#), January 2012
- LRP, [Contributions Plan](#), April 2012
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- NWO, [Contribution Plan for Omaha District, December 2011](#)
- NWP, [Contribution Plan for Portland District](#), November 2010
- NWP, [Memo: Use of Park Contribution Box](#)
- NWS, [Delegation of Signature Authority for Contributions](#)
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Grants

- Contribution Program provides the means and processes on how to administer funds the Corps might receive from a grant.
- Types: Federal/state/local governments, private (from a foundation, corporation or other NGO), public charity, and non-profit groups
- Grants are NOT augmentation of appropriated funds.
- Few Federal grants directly available to the Corps
- Some State grants directly available to Corps, but often require matching funds up front. (State boating and waterway grants)
- Many more grants available to friends groups/cooperating associations
- Corps Foundation provided state and national lists of potential grants and is available to help with seeking grants



Partnerships Rules

- Partnerships are not “free.” They take time and effort to cultivate, and require a foundation built on trust to be successful.
- Must not cause significant increase in O&M costs
- Challenge Partnership Agreements: Approval <\$25K: OPM; <\$200K: Operations Chief; >\$200K District Commander
- Contributions >\$2,500: Manager review for propriety; >\$100K: Coordinate with Counsel; >\$1M: OC, MSC, HQ NRM, DCW review
- Contributions: Must have a contributions and donor recognition plan in OMP that describes work to be done (funds, materials, supplies, in-kind goods/services) Alternative to individual project plans is to develop a district-wide plan.



Upcoming Events

- Webinars
 - February 2: Volunteer Management modules 1-3
 - March 12: Volunteer Policy
 - April 2: Volunteer management modules 4-7
 - May 8: Handshake Program

- PROSPECT Partnerships in Natural Resources Management class
 - March 2-6, 2015: Hot Springs, AR; Lake Ouachita field office
 - November 16 – 20, 2015: Kansas City District
 - March 14 – 18, 2016: San Francisco Bay Model

- APPL conference: Feb 17-19, Atlanta, GA (5 Corps staff attending)
- Legends/Beacon award nominations due: March 27
- Excellence in Partnership Award ceremony: Spring 2015
- Kids to Parks Day: May 16, 2015
- Get Outdoors Day: June 13, 2015



Resources: NRM Gateway

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partners/partners.cfm>

Partnerships

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In today's financial environment PARTNERING is an essential tool that allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to effectively manage recreation and environmental resources. In order to successfully meet our recreation and stewardship missions, and to foster shared values, vision, and a sense of ownership it is imperative that we work together with state governments, Native American tribes, private/public organizations, local communities, and other partners to maintain or advance programs from wildlife protection and habitat improvement to recreational facility enhancements.

Partnering helps to pool scarce resources, to promote coordinated, focused, and consistent mutual efforts to resolve common problems and missions, and to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort. The NRM Program has embraced this reality and is committed to fully exploring the potential development of new public-private partnerships to leverage limited appropriated funds and human resources.

This page will help you determine the [right tools for your partnerships](#), [find the right training to expand your knowledge](#), and [learn from the successful efforts of your peers](#). You will find answers to longstanding questions and discover how to effectively utilize important partners such as the [Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation](#). The bottom line: **partnering is smart business**.

Partnership Types: [Which is right for you?](#)

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Sharing the Challenge

Partnership Opportunities with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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Why Partner with the Corps?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages some of the most cherished lakes, rivers and lands near your communities and towns. Communities are proud of their special place in our parks. Many of our partners and visitors comment that they grew up near a Corps lake, or they spend as much time as they can in a particular Corps park. Great family memories are created during a boating, fishing, camping trip, or after a quiet day of hiking or biking on one of our many trail systems. These experiences are important in strengthening families and communities. Our parks also have significant economical impact, with visitors spending upwards of \$18 billion on trip expenses and durable goods annually. With the help of our partners, we can provide more service to the public than without you by our side.

The Corps Story

- As the leading federal provider of recreation, one out every ten Americans visits a Corps lake.
- Park visitation exceeds all other federal agencies.
- Manage 12 million acres of land and water
- Visitors spend nearly \$18 billion on trip expenses and durable goods annually, resulting in 500,000 jobs
- 422 lakes in 43 states hosting 38% of all fresh water lake fishing
- 4,000 recreation sites of which 80% are within 50 miles of a metropolitan area
- 101,000 campsites, 3,800 boat ramps, 5,000 miles of trails

By partnering with us, you will have a hand in helping manage our lakes and rivers for your customer's benefit. The American public loves our Corps lakes. How much is an opportunity or special moment worth? How much would someone be willing to pay to see an elk run across the valley ahead of them, watch their granddaughter catch her first fish, or share family stories around the campfire? People are willing to spend money to see or experience something they cannot see or experience anywhere else. Sharing these values as part of your marketing strategy makes sense. Partnering with the Corps will bring large exposure to your organization, with 370 million people visiting a Corps lake each year.

What our partners say: "Partnering with the Corps allows our organization to accomplish so much more than we could ever do alone. The expertise, vision and leadership that the Corps brings to the table provides a strong foundation for any project we're working on together." Dan River Basin Association

Partnering Benefits

- Increases public relations and a general feeling of goodwill toward your organization
- Strengthening the environmental, social and economic health of communities
- Helping conserve America's natural places for future generations
- Potential market branding to reach out to new customers
- Increases employee or staff well-being as they recreate in our parks
- Enjoyment of being in a park environment while helping serve others
- Our recreational and land management programs are diverse and the partnership opportunities are varied



Partner Spotlights



Raystown Lake had the potential to be a mountain bike destination, but it took a partnership between the Corps, the Friends of Raystown Lake and the International Mountain Biking Association to turn this vision into a reality. The Friends of Raystown Lake raised funds and leveraged volunteers to build the trails and other infrastructure around the lake. Together with the community, other partners and with IMBA's technical assistance, the agency and the local group built 30 miles of trails. From the \$800,000 initially invested, the project generated \$2 million of local economic stimulus in the first year alone.

Patients undergoing extended medical treatment in the Little Rock area now have an affordable and peaceful place to stay in a beautiful setting along with their families thanks to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. UAMS provided \$90,000 to build six dedicated campsites specifically for medical care patients in the park. "UAMS is very pleased to partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make these campsites available for patients," said UAMS Chancellor I. Dodd Wilson, M.D. "We are very appreciative of the support and compassion the Corps has shown in helping make this possible."



Paralyzed Veterans of America has been partnering for years with the Chena River Lakes project in Alaska to hold special moose hunts for veterans. Companies such as Ruger, Leopold Optics and Savage Arms also participate by sponsoring hunters' travel expenses. Over time, the need for special housing became evident and resulted in the design and construction of an accessible hunting cabin. The "Wheeling Hunter" cabin provides hunters and volunteers the ability to assemble, mobilize, eat and rest during the annual veteran moose hunt. It is primarily used by members of our military who have serious mobility impairments and are confined to wheelchairs. The cabin offers a great interpretive opportunity and chance to promote the Corps, our partners and our volunteers. It showcases our commitment to the military community and goal to make public lands accessible to everyone.

Corps Recreation Values and Roles

- Providing places for people and water to meet.
- Providing safe and accessible recreation opportunities and educating the public on how to play in and around water.
- Protecting resources for present and future generations to use and enjoy.
- Supporting healthy communities through access to outdoor activities for the community, military and general public.
- Continuing to maintain a geographic distribution of recreation opportunities throughout the country.



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How to Partner: For additional information on partnership opportunities visit <http://corpalakes.usace.army.mil>. You may also contact your local USACE Office or the USACE National Partnership Coordinator: Heather.D.Burke@usace.army.mil



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370 million visits a year at 422 lakes in 43 s

Partnerships in Natural Resources Management



Our Nation's lakes, rivers, and parks need you! Imagine yourself creating new recreation opportunities, improving and creating trails, preserving history, protecting wildlife, caring for the environment, ensuring healthy watersheds, expanding learning opportunities, or improving accessibility.

Each year, the Army Corps of Engineers partners with thousands of individuals and organizations on recreation and environmental projects to enhance our nation's natural resources. We are proud of our broad range of existing partners and eagerly seek to expand mutually beneficial relationships with others.

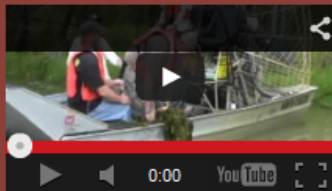
Examples of Successful Partnerships

National Partners with the Corps of Engineers

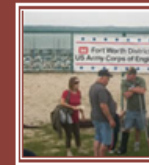
Partnership opportunities are available at hundreds of Corps-managed sites nationwide. The Corps is the Nation's largest provider of outdoor recreation, operating 422 lakes and river projects in 43 states, and managing almost 12 million acres of land and water. [Click here to read more.](#)

To find out more about partnering with the Corps contact our Natural Resource Management National Partnership Program Manager or your [Regional Partnership Representatives.](#)

Have fun. Make new friends. Make a difference! We look forward to working with you!



[Check out more videos](#)



Resources: Volunteer Clearinghouse

<http://www.corpslakes.us/volunteer/>



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Useful Links

- Water Safety
- Corps Lakes Gateway
- USACE Natural Resources Education Foundation

Volunteer Clearinghouse

Welcome to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Volunteer Clearinghouse. The Corps of Engineers, which is the steward of almost 12 million acres of land and water, offers many volunteer opportunities to care for recreation facilities and natural resources.

The Volunteer Clearinghouse serves the Corps of Engineers nationwide to link potential volunteers with Park Rangers at lakes and waterways that need them. The clearinghouse provides information about the volunteer program and directs people to the point of contact, usually a Park Ranger, at the lake or location of interest.

Callers should be ready to provide information about their interests, talents, dates available and locations they may want to volunteer.

Corps Park Rangers, serving as volunteer coordinators, can also use the Volunteer Clearinghouse to help find volunteers. Volunteer coordinators that need volunteers can send their volunteer vacancies to the Clearinghouse to be listed on the website.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Camparound Host



America's Natural and Cultural Resources Volunteer Portal

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Featured Opportunities

Participating Agencies



Position
Black Canyon Campground--
URGENT NEED
Santa Fe National Forest

Address
Esparola Ranger District, Black Canyon
Campground, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Contact
Jennifer Su blatt jasublatt@fs.fed.us
505-753-7331

Dates
3/26/2012--11/1/2012

Activities Suitable For
Campground Host Adults

Record Date Difficulty Level
6/4/2012 Average

Opportunity Description:

Spend your time in beautiful Santa Fe National Forest up in the mountains! The Santa Fe National Forest covers 1.6 million acres in the heart of north central New Mexico. Within the forest's borders are lush meadows, miles of conifer trees, and a dormant volcano with a 15-mile wide crater (Valles Caldera National Preserve). Visitors can enjoy camping, fishing, hiking and many other outdoor recreation activities. Residents can maintain their traditional and cultural uses of the national forest and forest products. The highest point in the SFNF is the summit of Truchas Peak located in the Pecos Wilderness 13,103 feet. At the lowest altitude, the SFNF is 6,000 feet.

This campground is one of the most popular in the area AND is highly sought after for campground hosting.

The campground was completely renovated in 2006, and re-opened in 2007 with all new facilities. There are 36 sites, half are reservable through Recreation.gov, and half are first come first serve. All sites have a table, grill pit, and tent pad. Most sites will accommodate an RV in sizes ranging from 22' to 60'. There is a new water system, there are vault five toilets, and bear resistant trash bins. Campsites do not have sewer or electric hookups. There is a NM State Park (Hyde Memorial State Park) immediately adjacent to the campground, and there are many other recreational opportunities nearby.

Participating Agencies



Position
Camp Hosting
Greenbrier State Park

Address
21843 National Pike
Boonsboro, MD 21713

Contact
Mary Jo Barflies
mbarflies@dnr.state.md.us
301-791-4656

Dates
4/1/2012--10/31/2012

Activities Suitable For
Campground Host Adults

Record Date Difficulty Level
3/2/2012 Not Difficult

Opportunity Description:

The Camp Host Program at Greenbrier State Park is very important to us. It is an extension of our work team and our best contact with campers. There are many benefits to hosting here. By working 20 hours a week, you camp for free in a beautiful setting and become part of our family. Water, sewer and electric are all included. We also provide you with a golf cart and private laundry facilities.

As a camp host, you would introduce yourselves to the campers, clean the sites, touch up the bathrooms, organize weekend activities for the campers, and assist the staff when needed.

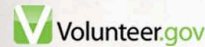
We recognize how important camp hosts are to our operation. You make people feel welcome. A host can turn a negative experience into a positive one.

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Resources:

www.Volunteer.gov



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