

Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2009 Recipients

1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: South Atlantic Division - Various Lake Projects

2. Handshake Project Name: SAD - Lifejacket Loaner Enhancement

3. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:

To address this issue, the Life Jacket Loaner Program was implemented throughout the South Atlantic Division in 2007. One of the greatest challenges in implementing the program has been procuring enough life jackets to meet the public's demand which has generally exceeded the available supply. In 2008, the SAD Water Safety PDT initiated efforts to expand the loaner program by securing partners to donate lifejackets. The team's successful 2009 "Handshake" Challenge with Boat US Foundation, allowed Boat US to donate a total of 40 life jacket loaner kits over two years. Each kit includes the 12 life jackets in varying sizes, a storage bin and a sign out book. A total of 480 life jackets found their way to loaner boards in 7 states over a two year period.

Additionally, the Challenge Handshake Program allowed for the procurement of instructional signage that better explains the program to the visiting public. A standardized sign has been installed at many life jacket loaner stations and provides a consistent, uniform message to those wishing to take advantage of this free program. A total of 150 (2' x 4') banners and 73 signs (various sizes) were distributed to most participation lake projects in SAD Coleman-Stearns caught wind of the partnering effort and agreed to donate an additional 484 life jackets which were distributed throughout SAD projects.

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$10,000
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$12,000
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 BoatU.S Foundation	\$8,000
2 Coleman - Stearns	\$15,240
3	\$
4	\$
5	\$
6	\$

4. Handshake Program Recipient Feedback

Please take this opportunity to provide feedback on all aspects of the Handshake Program and the Challenge Partnership Agreement authority. Your productive comments are important to the ongoing improvement of the program. Make sure to let us know how the Handshake funds have benefited your efforts to initiate and/or strengthen your partnerships.

A. Comments About Handshake Program: Great program. This has planted the seed to foster a safer recreation experience for our users.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: NONE.

C. Recommendations: The agreement process is fine. It is understood that there is room for improvement in regards to our overall partnering authorities and clarification would provide a more streamlined process

USACE South Atlantic Division - Boat U.S. Foundation Handshake Partnership

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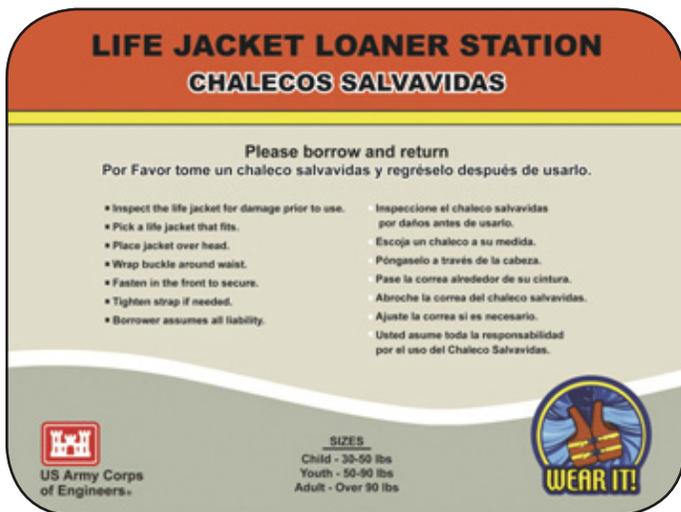
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“The partnership between Boat U.S Foundation and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers will help to save lives,” said Greg Miller, Recreation Program Manager for the Corps’ South Atlantic Division. “Without the support and partnership of safety minded organizations such as Boat U.S, many of our young people would not have the equipment they need to insure a safe and enjoyable experience in and around the water.”



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<http://corplakes.usace.army.mil/employees/handshake/handshake.cfm>