

National Volunteer Week

April 16-22, 2023

Shining a Light on Those Who Serve

Across USACE we celebrate National Volunteer Week by shining a light on those individuals who give their time and talent to make a difference at our projects and in our communities.

Great Lakes and Ohio River Division

In the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, we are shining a light on volunteers at Burnsville and Tygart Lakes.

Picturesque Burnsville Lake, one of central West Virginia's key attractions, offers visitors a wide variety of activities such as fishing, boating, camping, hunting, biking, and picnicking. The project has 13,224 acres of land and attracts about 3/4 million visitors annually.

Tygart Lake, also located in the countryside of West Virginia, is considered by many to be one of the best bass waters in the area and fishing its deep waters can be a rewarding and exciting experience.



\$4,799,681

VALUE OF TIME VOLUNTEERED



160,256

HOURS SERVED BY VOLUNTEERS IN LRD

Peggy Dawson



Peggy is a one of a kind volunteer. She has volunteered at Burnsville Lake for 12 consecutive years and has dedicated over 7,000 hours of volunteer service. Anything that needs to be done, she is there to help. Peggy can always be found in the campground working on something, cleaning restrooms, decorating the campground, or doing water safety outreach. She takes pride in her work and keeping the project looking beautiful while welcoming visitors to Burnsville Lake.

Peggy's passion and focus is on the USACE recreation mission and water safety programs. For the past 12 years, Peggy has been playing the role of Bobber the Water Safety Dog at Burnsville Lake. She has travelled endless miles around West Virginia with the Burnsville Lake staff to present the importance of water safety. The decorations that Peggy has made by hand for use around the project are incredible. She made plywood cutouts of the water safety characters that park rangers use during programs. She also makes decorations for the campgrounds to make the visitors feel more at home.

Peggy is a big supporter of all partnerships at Burnsville Lake. If the Friends of Burnsville Lake are having an event, more than likely Peggy will be there to assist!



7,000

Over 7,000 hours of volunteer service provided in the past 12 years with over 460 hours provided in FY22.



Water Safety

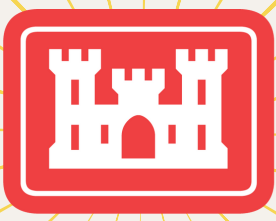
Dedicated to promoting water safety to park visitors and the community.



Helping Hand

Provides a helping hand where ever needed.





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Jeff Kresch Jr.

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1,500

Over 1,500 hours of volunteer service provided in the past 12 years with over 460 hours provided in FY22.



Recruit

Works to recruit and introduce new volunteers.



Cleanup

Leads cleanup efforts removing tires and litter from project and community lands and waters.



Support

Volunteers and supports other partner organizations of Tygart Lake.

In 2015, Jeff Kresch, Jr. said he would love to become a volunteer for Tygart Lake. In May of 2016, Jeff came to Tygart Lake with 10 volunteers and performed a total of 80 volunteer hours. He assembled and led a cleanup at one of the hardest hit areas of Tygart. A dump truck load of tires were hauled away along with more than 50 bags of garbage.

On April 1, 2017, as a part of Tygart Lake's participation in West Virginia's "Make It Shine" statewide cleanup event, Jeff brought 11 other volunteers. They cleaned up even more tires and at least 30 bags of trash for a total of 88 hours of service.

Jeff has been a volunteer at Tygart Lake since 2015 and has volunteered for a total of 1500+ hours, while also volunteering for other partners of Tygart Lake. He has spent many hours cleaning up the Tygart River and its tributaries. Jeff has joined Save the Tygart Watershed group where he has served numerous hours and dedicated himself to clean waters in the Tygart River above and below the lake. Jeff has also been responsible for recruitment of more than 30 additional volunteers for cleanups, programming, and outreach efforts.

Jeff is a valuable volunteer at Tygart Lake. His efforts to keep the Tygart River and Tygart Lake clean and viable for safe drinking water and fisheries are commendable. His dedication and commitment to Tygart Lake and its environmental stewardship program is deserving of recognition.

THANK YOU

To all of our volunteers in the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division!

