

National Volunteer Week

April 17 - 23, 2022



Shining a Light on Those Who Serve

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

In the Mississippi Valley Division, we are shining a light on volunteers at Lake Ouachita and Lake Shelbyville.

Just 10 miles from Hot Springs Arkansas, Lake Ouachita is visited by four million people each year. USACE maintains over 1,100 campsites and 20 boat ramps. The project volunteer coordinator at Lake Ouachita is Amy Shultz.

Lake Shelbyville, located in the heart of central Illinois, consists of 11,100 acres of water and 23,000 acres of land. Camping opportunities are available in eight public campgrounds. Volunteers supporting USACE at Lake Shelbyville are led by Erica Nabers.

Mississippi Valley Division



294,345
HOURS SERVED BY
VOLUNTEERS IN MVD



\$8,400,620
VALUE OF TIME
VOLUNTEERED



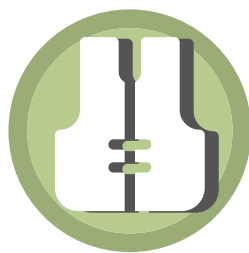
Windell & Carolyn Belford

Windell and Carolyn Belford have served in the Denby Point Recreation area on Lake Ouachita since 2008 with over 3,100 volunteer service hours. They have been extremely beneficial in providing a point of contact and assistance to the public and cleaning the recreation areas. In 2022 the Belfords received a Volunteer Coin of Excellence for their dedication and service to accomplish the mission.

Some of the volunteer tasks they performed included:



**Cleaning fire pits, grills,
and picking up litter**



**Promoting water
safety**



**Providing information
to visitors**



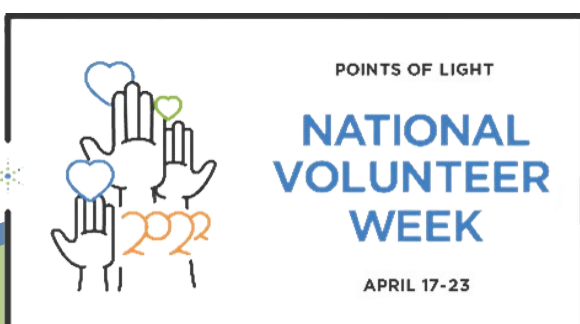
Fee hosts



**Removing debris &
leaves from campsites**



**Maintaining the
Denby Recreation
Area**



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In Memory of Phil Sampson



Phil & Karen Sampson looked forward to camping at the Forrest W. Bo Wood Campground at Lake Shelbyville every summer. In 2010, Phil decided to make a "career" of camping. He started as a volunteer mower at the Forrest W. Bo Wood Campground. Phil soon became a huge part of the Lake Shelbyville Volunteer Program as well as Bo Wood Campground itself. Not only did he manage the volunteer mower program at Bo Wood Campground, but he never hesitated to answer visitor questions or help anyone out in any way he could. Phil & Karen enjoyed assisting park rangers in special events like the Dog Days of Summer Dog Show every year. From 2010 -2021 Phil dedicated his time in keeping the Forrest W. Bo Wood Campground looking its best.



Managed the volunteer mower program at Bo Wood Campground



Answered visitor questions



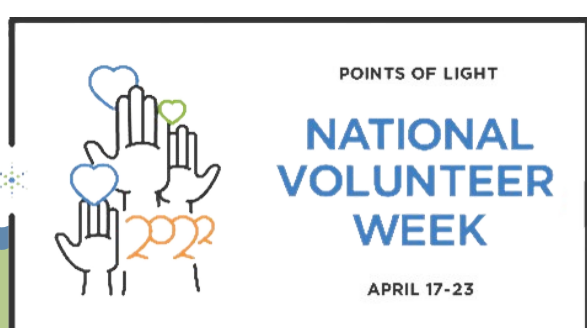
Assisted Park Rangers in special events



Provided a helping hand whenever needed

THANKYOU

To all of our volunteers in the Mississippi Valley Division!



<https://corpslakes.erdcdren.mil/employees/volunteer/volunteer.cfm>