

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 South Atlantic Division, we are shining a light on volunteers at Walter F. George Lake and Lake Seminole.

Walter F. George Lake lays on the Chattahoochee River in southwest Georgia. With 17 day-use parks and campgrounds, the staff relies heavily on a robust volunteer program to help manage and maintain its facilities and recreational programs. The current volunteer coordinator at Water F. George is Shannon Schaefer.

Lake Seminole is located along the border of Georgia and Florida and is comprised of the Chattahoochee, Flint, and Apalachicola Rivers. The 37,500 acre lake has 10 day use parks and is a popular destination for boating, hunting and fishing. Volunteers at Seminole are led by coordinator Rachel Pruitt.

South Atlantic Division



281,590

HOURS SERVED BY VOLUNTEERS IN SAD



\$8,036,584

VALUE OF TIME VOLUNTEERED

Terry and Brenda Yankoski

Terry and Brenda Yankoski came to Walter F. George Reservoir (WFG) to camp in the winter of 2018 and ended up loving it so much that they have stayed on as volunteers. They have been instrumental in keeping both Abbie Creek and West Bank parks open throughout the winter over the last two years, and can often be found doing some of the following work.



Building bird and bat house nesting boxes



Installing campground drop boxes



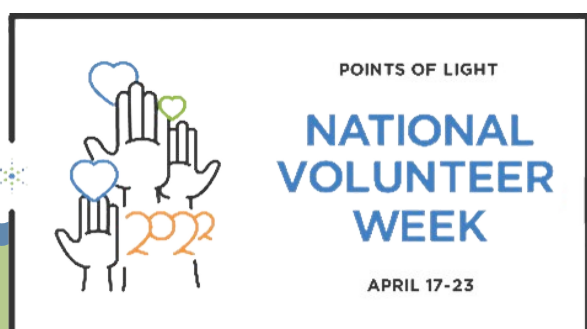
Trail maintenance



Shoreline litter cleanup



Answering visitor questions and speaking with the public



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

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Wayne and DeEtt Farnham

Wayne and DeEtt Farnham have been instrumental in the operation of Eastbank Campground at Lake Seminole. Despite challenges brought on by the pandemic, the Farnhams relentlessly ensured that all 65 campground sites were well taken care of and sufficiently maintained. Some of the volunteer tasks they may be found completing include:



Handing out water safety information to campers



Landscaping and removing dead vegetation



Cleaning fire pits, grills, and picking up litter



Updating website reservation information



Cataloging shoreline management files



Improving relationships with the local sheriff deputies

THANKYOU

To all of our volunteers in South Atlantic Division!

