

SEASONS GREETINGS!

and thank you!



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER



The US Army Corps of Engineers, Rend Lake is proud to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers and partners. Your contributions enhance the recreational experience and opportunities of our visitors. Looking ahead to 2023, our resolution is to continue providing high quality recreational opportunities which promote tourism, partnering, volunteering, and economic development within Southern Illinois. We hope you will join us again in the coming year to carry out this resolution. I sincerely appreciate your support. It has been a great year. Thank you and happy holidays!

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ENABLE GREAT THINGS



As this exciting year ends, the Rend Lake team would like to highlight what we all accomplished thanks to your participation and generosity. Enjoy a snapshot of the programs Rend Lake offered in 2022 thanks to your involvement on the next page.



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2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THANKS TO YOU!

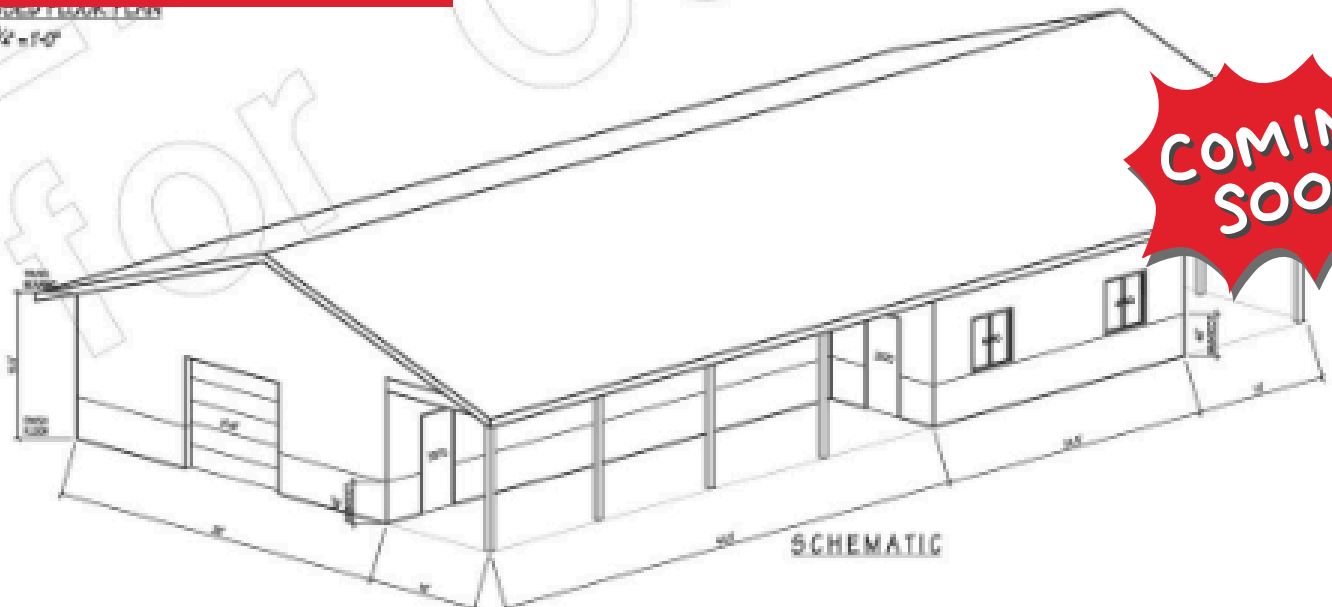
- ✦ Repurpose old Christmas trees from area residents to serve as feeding areas for fish of all sizes and make excellent fishing spots for anglers at the annual Christmas Tree Drop.
- ✦ Partner with our local community and serve as the Grand Marshal of the Benton Water Festival Parade.
- ✦ Inspire over 300 local students to engage with nature and become excited about science through the annual Earth Day Celebration.
- ✦ Promote water safety to hundreds of beach goers while enabling visitors to make unforgettable memories at Rend Lake at the annual Beach Blast .
- ✦ Host the inaugural S3DA National Tournament which provided an approx. \$662,000.00 benefit to the local economy.
- ✦ Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Rend Lake through a rededication ceremony and free family friendly programming promoting outdoor education, conservation, and water safety.
- ✦ Restore native vegetation and improve habitat through removal of invasive species.
- ✦ Improve campgrounds and facilities through various recreation area maintenance activities such as replacing camp posts, mulching playgrounds, and mowing.
- ✦ Maintain and beautify public lands by removing litter and debris.
- ✦ Promote public safety through maintenance of Life Jacket Loaner Stations.
- ✦ Promote the Corps Mission through distribution of interpretative materials and brochures.
- ✦ Improve important infrastructure by painting Corps buildings and structures such as the Cypress View Wildlife Viewing Platform, South Sandusky Beach Shower Building, and boat ramp curbing.
- ✦ Operate the Visitor Center and provide high quality customer service.
- ✦ Maintain and beautify the Pollinator Garden through various maintenance activities.
- ✦ Enable outdoor opportunities for people with limited access by hosting the 43rd Annual Rend Lake Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities. This year our hunters had a 77% success rate!



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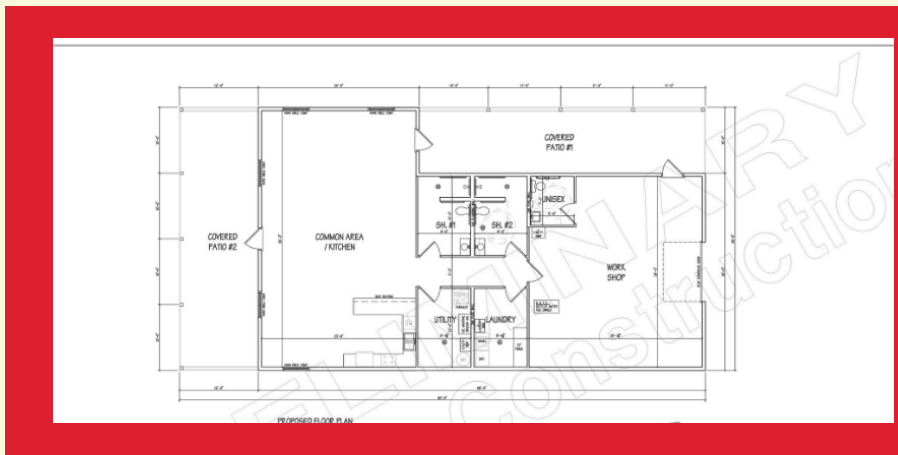
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COMING SOON

IMPROVEMENTS COMING SOON FOR YOU!

This winter, the Rend Lake team and contractors are working hard to improve Volunteer Village for the 2023 season and beyond.



Volunteer Village Building completed by July/August. The building will include a workshop, kitchen and gathering area, showers/restrooms, and a laundry room.

Five additional sites added to Volunteer Village