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Wright Patman Lake – Texarkana VFW Spring Fling: On April 20, Park Ranger Lynlee Russell and Volunteers Abby Hopkins and Colt McCleckie setup a table at the Texarkana VFW Spring Fling. Visitors learned about local invasive species, boater and water safety, ATB passes, and volunteer opportunities. The weather was unforgiving, so everyone had to move inside. The rain dampened the crowd, but fun was still had by all, and Bobber made a new friend to play fetch with!





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Lake Georgetown – Learn To Fish: Park Ranger Tanner Creel, and Lake Georgetown Park Host, participated in the 2024 Williamson County Parks “Learn To Fish” event. Ranger Creel, park host, and Bobber explained and made visual representations for water safety. How to properly fit and wear a lifejacket depending on you age and size, and all of the water safety checklist items that are required in a boat, PWC, kayak, and paddleboard. In total, about 1,000 water safety contacts were made during the event.





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Bardwell – Mayfest: Another successful Mayfest was conducted by TPWD “Get Outdoors” initiative that partners with USACE to provide various outdoor related activities and information to folks of all ages. This event takes place every year on the first weekend of May. USACE Rangers participating in this event were Anthony Sanders (Bardwell Lake), Jennifer Lawson (Lewisville Lake), and Sean Carey (Lewisville Lake). Over the course of the weekend approximately 3,748 people were reached out to about information on Water Safety and various other USACE missions such as Environmental Stewardship and Flood Risk Management.



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Sam Rayburn Lake – Water Safety Training for Volunteers: On June 24th, Natural Resources Specialists/Park Rangers; Emily Laperriere, Gina Jaworski and Tyler Slovacek presented Water Safety Training and Volunteer Refresher Training to USACE Sam Rayburn Volunteers. Through a partnership with the Rayburn Bloomers, an appreciation luncheon was also provided for the Volunteers to recognize their efforts and contributions to USACE Sam Rayburn.



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Trinity Region – Bass Pro Shops “Kids’ Weekend” Water Safety Event: On 18 -19 March 2023, Rangers from across the Trinity Region conducted a water safety event at the Annual Bass Pro Shops Kids’ Weekend in Garland Tx . The cold mornings didn’t slow the Rangers down during the 2-day event with them making over 5220 water safety contacts concerning the importance of recreating responsibly on the water to include wearing life jackets and boater safety. During the event, Bobber the Water Safety Dog, made an appearance entertaining young and old alike. The event was a huge success, and we look forward to a continued partnership with Bass Pro Shops.

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Whitney Lake – Water Safety: On 08 April, Rangers Arianna Jacinto and Matthew Jones hosted a water safety booth and static display as part of a Waco community Easter Festival. At the event, Rangers Jacinto and Jones engaged with over 250 children and adults to educate them on the Corps, our mission and projects, and the importance of Water Safety. Children learned how to wear a life jacket and use throwable devices. They also learned about all the recreation opportunities at Corps projects. Hot topics with the adults were low lake levels, inflatable PFDs, and general boater safety. This event was USACE's second year partnering with this organization to spread the Water Safety message. Big thanks to Waco Lake staff for making the connection last year and allowing us to participate this year!





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Three Rivers Region – Water Safety: On March 14th, Proctor Lake, Belton Lake, Waco Lake, and Whitney Lake Park Rangers, Jared Harris, Stephanie Jones, Mathew Dutton, Cassy Hill, Madison Wetterstroem, and Verlon Baize held a Water Safety Field Day at the Spring Break camp for Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation. The field day consisted of four games which included Predator prey, a drunk goggle obstacle course, Musical Life jackets, and a Zebra mussel presentation, and a contest to find the most zebra mussels on the park ranger boat. During these fun games, the 55 campers learned all about life jackets, how zebra mussels affect our environment, the importance of clean, drain, dry, and the importance of not boating under the influence. Not only did they learn something but had a great time doing it!





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Proctor Lake - Kick Off to Summer: May 18, Dublin Library summer kickoff event invited Proctor Lake Rangers Ben Murphy, Elyssa Mendez, and Jared Harris who explained the roles of Park Rangers as well as the purpose of the lake from a flood risk management standpoint. The rangers discussed the importance of water safety and wearing a properly fitting life jacket in and around the lake. The annual event includes hot dogs, ice cream, and several other activities for kids and kids at heart. All kids received a bag with water safety activity books, colors, tattoos, and stickers. An estimated 220 water safety contacts were made.





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Wright Patman Lake – National Travel and Tourism Week – Texarkana, TX Travel Center: On May 23, Park Rangers Lynlee Russell and Fiona Rabakukk-Langthorn and Volunteers Abby Hopkins and Pam Howell attended the National Travel and Tourism Week at the Texarkana, Texas Travel and Information Center. They spoke with visitors about the importance of water safety, invasive species, and where Wright Patman is located.





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Wright Patman Lake – Parks Roundup: On March 15, Park Ranger Lynlee Russell setup a water safety table at the Waskom Texas Travel and Information Center’s Parks Roundup event. Visitors that came through the center had a chance to learn about East Texas state and federal parks as well as USACE careers and boater and water safety. As many as 247 direct water safety contacts were made.



Waco Lake – World Water Day: On 22 March 2024, Waco Lake Park Rangers Matthew Dutton and Matthew Hackler participated in a World Water Day event at Independence Park in Waco. Keep Waco Beautiful sponsored this event in partnership with the City of Waco. The purpose of the event was to educate the public on all aspects of water and our watersheds. The Rangers educated the public on water safety and invasive species prevention, speaking to approximately fifty people.



Park Rangers Hackler and Dutton at Keep Waco Beautiful's World Water Day event.

WHO: Nimrod-Blue Mountain Project Office

WHAT: Yell County Ag Safety Day

WHEN: 08 MAY 24

WHERE: Danville, AR (Yell County Fairgrounds)

WHY: Boating Safety and education.

WHAT'S NEXT: Continue to seek opportunities to partner with local schools and communities to promote water safety.

Summary:

Nimrod-Blue Mountain Project Office staff participated in the Yell County Ag Safety Day hosted at the Yell County Fairgrounds in Danville, AR. Rangers gave a presentation about the importance of wearing a life jacket, along with a boating safety demonstration. Approximately 150 kids from local schools attended the event.

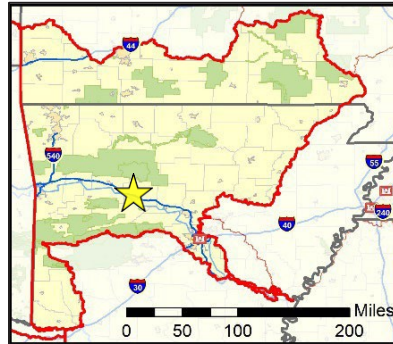
Ranger Deaton explains how an auto inflate PFD works



Boating safety demonstration



Explaining how to properly wear a life jacket





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SAFETY AROUND WATER EVENT

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION



WHO: Table Rock Lake Project Office and Ozark Mountain YMCA.

WHAT: Water safety public outreach event.

WHEN: 19 MAY 24 during National Safe Boating Week.

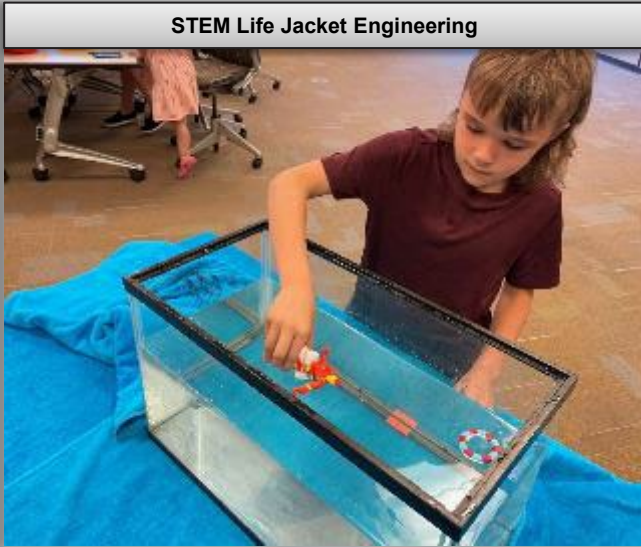
WHERE: Table Rock Lake, Dewey Short Visitor Center, Branson, MO.

WHY: To remind visitors of the importance of practicing good water safety techniques when on or near the water. USACE's water safety campaign goals are to reduce public injuries and fatalities at USACE lake and river projects.

WHAT'S NEXT: Continue to seek water safety outreach opportunities and to distribute key messages.

Summary:

On 19 MAY 24, the Table Rock Lake Project Office partnered with the Ozark Mountain YMCA to host a Safety Around Water event at the Dewey Short Visitor Center. An estimated 505 visitors attended the event. USACE is one of the nation's leading federal providers of outdoor and water-based recreation, hosting millions of visits annually to its more than 400 lake and river projects. Tragically, people lose their lives while visiting USACE-managed lands and waters every year. The goal of this event was to encourage the public to practice good water safety techniques through hands-on activities including photo opportunities with Bobber the Water Safety Dog, Augmented Reality Life Jacket Wearing, Cool Hand Luke (effects of cold water on dexterity), Throw Rope Cornhole (water rescue), Life Jacket Engineering (STEM), Inflatable Life Jacket Demo, and a Life Jacket Wearing Pledge.





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KARK STYLE HIGHLIGHTS WATER SAFETY

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION



WHO: KARK 4, SWL PAO Jay Townsend, Bobber

WHAT: Arkansas Style highlights water safety ahead of Memorial Day weekend

WHEN: 20 MAY 24

WHERE: Little Rock, AR

WHY: To bring awareness to the public who visits our lakes and reservoirs about water safety prior to Memorial Day.

WHAT'S NEXT: Continue to promote water safety around the district and region.



Summary:

Little Rock District PAO, Jay Townsend, joined KARK's afternoon show Arkansas Style to talk about water and boating safety ahead of the Memorial Day weekend on 20 MAY 24. Townsend brought Bobber the Water Safety Dog to discuss the importance of wearing a life jacket when you are on or around the water. Townsend brought the different types of life jackets to show viewers that wearing the right life jacket for the right activity will not ruin your trip.



RED RIVER AREA - LAKE TEXOMA LIFE JACKET LOANER BOARD

Lake Texoma staff were recently contacted by the “Lifeguard Your Child” program coordinator at Cook Children’s Medical Center about expanding their loaner station program to Lake Texoma. The Lake staff immediately accepted the offer and partnered with Cook Children’s by installing a new life jacket loaner station at the Lake Texoma spillway boat ramp, located in Grayson County Texas.





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SWT EAST CENTRAL AREA - EUFAULA LAKE MAJOR LEAGUE FISHING EXPO



Natural Resource Specialists from the Eufaula project office participated in a water safety event at Nichols Point in Eufaula, OK. The event was in partnership with Major League Fishing and aimed to help promote life jackets and safe practices around the lake and other water bodies.





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TULSA DISTRICT – NATURAL RESOURCES BRANCH TULSA SAFE KIDS



On May 24th, Colonel Timothy Hudson and Park Ranger Lauren Enloe talked about the importance of water safety over the Memorial Day weekend. The event was hosted by Safe Kids Tulsa Coalition at Bass Pro Shops in Broken Arrow, OK.

Two local news stations were in attendance along with speakers from Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Safe Kids Tulsa Area, Broken Arrow Police Department, Mike Klumpp – ATV Safety and Saint Francis Trauma Center.





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SWT NORTHERN AREA – KEYSTONE LAKE WATER SAFETY EVENTS



Rangers at the Keystone Lake Office attended multiple water safety events including Safe Kids Day at OKC Zoo, Mayfest, and Sand Springs Truck Touch.



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SWT EAST CENTRAL AREA - EUFAULA LAKE TRUNK OR TREAT WATER SAFETY EVENT



Natural Resource Specialists Justin Briley and Joshua Springer promoted water safety by attending a trunk or treat event hosted by a local church at Highway 9 North, Eufaula Lake. The McIntosh County Sheriffs' Office attended and helped with the organization of the event.





Raystown Lake Project

CHALK THE WALK– AUGUST 2023

OPERATIONS DIVISION, BALTIMORE DISTRICT



WHO: USACE Ranger Staff and Volunteers

WHAT: Chalk the Walk

WHEN: August 5, 2023

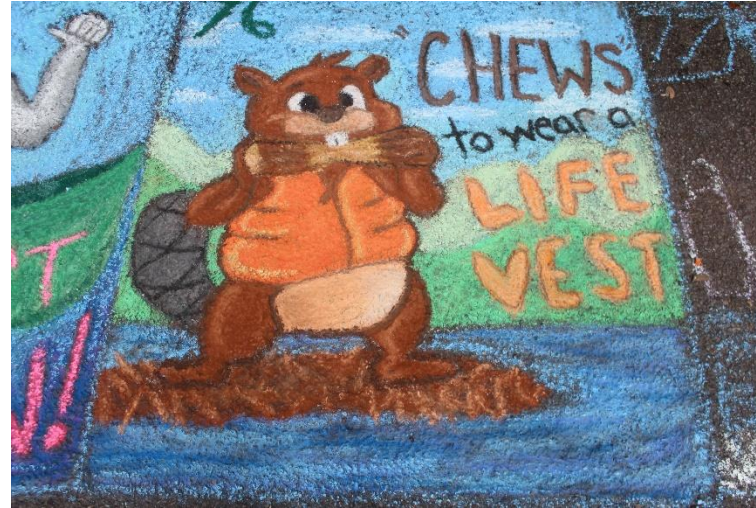
WHERE: Seven Points Beach, Raystown Lake

WHY: To increase water safety awareness by having visitors draw a water safety message in chalk on the sidewalk.

Summary: On August 5, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff and volunteers held Raystown Lake's 11th annual Chalk the Walk event at Seven Points Beach.

Visitors of all ages participated in the event by depicting their favorite water safety messages in chalk! The asphalt walkway at the beach was covered with 112 unique chalk drawings, which exceeds the number from the past few years! Thanks in part to beautiful weather and full recreation facilities, there were over 600 direct water safety contacts made during the event.

Eighteen local businesses donated gift cards and merchandise to the Friends of Raystown Lake to be used as prizes for first and second place winners! Additionally, 124 visitors voted for their "fan favorite" drawing, which was also awarded a prize!



1st Place drawing in the 18 and older category



Bobber the Water Safety Dog made an appearance!



112 chalk drawings decorated the beach sidewalk!



The Friends of Raystown found local business sponsors for the event!



Four (4) concrete cornhole sets were installed this spring at Hop Brook Lake to provide an additional recreational opportunity for visitors reserving one of the four (4) shelters located in the park. Each cornhole set has the Corps water safety message, "Life Jackets Worn... Nobody Mourns" printed on them to remind the public of the importance of wearing life jackets when enjoying water related activities. So far they have been a big hit with visitors using the shelters and other USACE projects within the river basin are looking to purchase and install them in their parks as well.





Youth Fishing Derby

OPERATIONS DIVISION, BALTIMORE DISTRICT



WHO: NAB, Operations Division, Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes, Tioga Pennsylvania

WHAT: 22nd Annual Youth Fishing Derby

WHEN: 4th of June 2022

WHERE: Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lake Project, PA

WHY: Foster fun experiences through fishing to instill young people with the knowledge and skills needed to appreciate and value public lands and waters.

Summary: Approximately 70 children and their families participated in the 22nd Annual Youth Fishing Derby at the Lawrence Recreation Area on Cowanesque Lake. Participants received a free fishing rod and reel through the work of the Tioga County Bass Anglers and local business, The Tackle Shak who sponsored the event. Participants were also provided lessons on fishing, water safety fun with Bobber The Water Safety Dog, and a free lunch. The biggest fish was an 18" Carp!





Special Olympics Community Outreach Program

OPERATIONS DIVISION, BALTIMORE DISTRICT



WHO: NAB, Operations Division, Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes, Water Safety and Interp Volunteer.

WHAT: Special Olympics Annual Event

WHEN: 20 May 2022

WHERE: Mansfield, PA

WHY: Promoting water safety and outdoor recreation to community members with special needs, their family members, and others.

Summary: Approximately 300 special needs community members, family members and special Olympics volunteers from Tioga and Potter County attended Mansfield's annual Special Olympics event. During the event Bobber the Water Safety dog, park rangers and Water Safety volunteers educated and promoted water safety practices. Each year Bobber the Water Safety dog is greeted with smiles and lots of hugs by the Mansfield Special Olympics community.



Park Ranger Brandan Crabill, Seasonal Ranger Katie Kelsey and Bobber the Water Safety dog educating special needs community to safely enjoy our public lands and waters.





WATER JAM 2024

PORTLAND DISTRICT

WHO: USACE Bonneville Lock and Dam staff, **USFWS, Mid-Columbia Fisheries, Klickitat County, Forest Service, Mid-Columbia Fisheries, Yakima Nation, Underwood Conservation District, Local Elementary Schools**

WHAT: Water Jam

WHEN: May 30th and 31st , 2024

WHERE: Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery

WHY: To promote stewardship of our natural creeks and rivers along with teaching water safety while around those waters.

WHAT'S NEXT: We will continue to support this as an annual event.

Park Ranger Josh Friend leading a life jacket demonstration for 20 local 4th grade students



Park Ranger Sara Feinberg leading a life jacket demonstration for 25 local 5th grade students



Natural Resource Specialist Meg Sleeper leading a water safety message about always wearing a life jacket when on a boat or around the water



Summary:

On May 30th and 31st, 2024 Bonneville Lock and Dam Rangers participated in Water Jam at the Spring Creek Fish National Hatchery. Bonneville Staff presented water safety messages to local 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students through simulating a boat sinking and the importance of wearing a proper fitting life jacket any time they are around the water. Water Jam had roughly 300 participants this year. The Corps joins the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Yakama Nation, U.S. Forest Service, Columbia Riverkeepers, Klickitat County Waste Management, Mid-Columbia Fisheries and the Underwood Conservation District in providing this educational event** to students from the surrounding areas.



LIBBY DAM WATER SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AND LIFEJACKET DONATION

SEATTLE DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

NWD Priority: Water Safety, Partners
WHO: Libby Dam Park Rangers, The Corps Foundation, Montana Department of Public Health Services, Lincoln County Connections, Northwest Motorsports
WHAT: Lifejacket donation
WHEN: 8 May 2024
WHERE: Libby Dam
WHY: Promoting water safety under "Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns" campaign



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Join us in promoting water safety and you could win big! Like, share, and follow the Lincoln County Connections Facebook to enter a raffle for a chance to win a FREE life jacket. Together with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and The Corps Foundation, we're spreading awareness with our campaign, 'Life Jackets Worn...Nobody Mourns.' Visit www.PleaseWearIt.com for valuable resources. Let's make a splash for safety! #WaterSafety #PleaseWearIt #winalifejacket

Libby Dam and Lincoln County Health Department



ABOVE: Lincoln County Connections Trista Gilmore hands Libby Dam Natural Resource Manager Tana Wilson one of the US Coast Guard approved infant life jackets donated through a grant with Montana Department of Public Health Services. LEFT from left: Northwest Motorsports Brian Gilmore, Lincoln County Connections Trista Gilmore, Libby Dam Park Ranger Susan James, Lincoln County Connections Haley Benjamin, and Libby Dam Natural Resource Manager Tana Wilson. RIGHT: Part of the partnership kickoff included a social media campaign to share the water safety message and have an opportunity to win a life jacket.

LIFE JACKET RAFFLE To enter, simply follow these steps:

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Lincoln County Health Dept. collaborates with local Northwest Motor Sports to provide life jackets to the Libby Dam for those in need.

NORTHWEST MOTORSPORTS

Summary:

Libby Dam Park Rangers partnered with Lincoln County Health Department to receive over 100 lifejackets. These lifejackets are part of Libby Dam's Water Safety Program and will be matched with those in need of a life jacket throughout the 2024 recreation season. Some of the upcoming water safety events include, Kid's Free Fishing Day on May 11 and May 18. As well as several Water Safety Pop-ups located at Libby Dam's boat ramp and day-use area, and Lake Koochanusa Marinas.



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Libby Dam Outreach: Water Safety Trunk or Treat

LIBBY DAM, SEATTLE DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

NWD Priority: Water Safety

WHO: Libby Dam Staff, Lincoln County Montana families.

WHAT: Water safety education display and Bobber mascot at Halloween Trunk or Treat event

WHEN: 31 October 2023

WHERE: Libby, MT Central School parking lot

WHY: Promote smart choices and lifejacket use to reduce fatalities in, on and around the water. Increase visibility and goodwill for USACE.

Steps forward: attend again!



Summary: _____

On October 31, 2023, staff from Libby Dam decorated the patrol truck with mannequins, lifejackets and other props to help teach local families about water safety at the community “Trunk or Treat”. SCA intern Cadence Newman donned the Bobber the Water safety dog mascot costume, miming water safety messages while charming children assisted by Park Ranger Susan James explaining the loaner lifejacket program and volunteer Keith Meyers directing traffic. This is the first year Libby Dam has participated, reaching approximately 600 community members during the 4-hour event.

