

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH PARTNERS



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Before We Begin...



- We want to know what kind of Special Events you are participating in with your partners!
- Please share with the group examples of events you've conducted at your project.





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Martin Luther King (MLK) Day of Service

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- MLK Day is the only Federal holiday designated as a Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities



Example: Lake Mendocino (SPN) hosted a clean-up event.

Partners: Adventist Health and the California Conservation Corps

Result: Collected ~ 200 lbs. of garbage in and around Coyote Valley Dam and the South Boat Ramp.

MLK Day of Service -Cleanup-

Make it a day on,
not a day off

LAKE MENDOCINO

15 Jan
2024



Celebrate
Honor
Give Back



9:00 - 11:00 AM

S. BOAT RAMP

Litter pickers, gloves, &
trash bags provided



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National Kids to Parks Day: May 16, 2026

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- The National Park Trust (NPT) is a non-profit organization that partners with USACE to connect children to the outdoors by encouraging families to visit their federal and state parks.
- Great opportunity to co-brand events as Every Kid Outdoors by targeting 4th-grade classes.





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www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day/media-kit/

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Main Street Corps Day – Lake Shelbyville, IL (MVS)

<https://youtu.be/QiqQo7v7Fx0>



- **Goal:** Get kids outside
- **Activities:** Water safety, nature activities, geocaching, orienteering, survival skills, camping basics, casting competitions, fish cube construction
- **Partners:**
 - National Park Trust
 - US Forest Service
 - Lake Shelbyville Fish Habitat Alliance





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National Public Lands Day (NPLD)

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- NPLD is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands in the United States. Sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF).
- Typically held on the fourth Saturday in September (Sep 26, 2026)
- USACE has been one of the largest participants among the federal land management agencies in NPLD for the past decade.





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www.neefusa.org/public-lands-day

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NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY



NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY IS SEPTEMBER 27!

Our public lands are more than just places to visit—they are woven into the fabric of our everyday lives. From the trails we hike to the parks where we gather with family and friends, these spaces are



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Every Kid Outdoors

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- Program to get every 4th grader in America to public lands and waters
- Eight federal agencies participating (USACE, BLM, BOR, FWS, FS, NPS, NOAA, Dept of Ed)
- Interagency annual 4th-grade pass free to students by completing an activity online. Valid from 1 Sep - 31 Aug each year
- Encourage co-branding with events that you already do:
 - National Public Lands Day
 - Kids to Parks Day
 - Eco-meets
 - School programs and dam tours
 - TRACK trails
- www.everykidoutdoors.gov





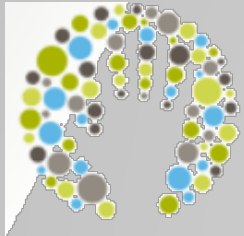
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Other Special Events

Month	Event
April	National Volunteer Week, Earth Day, Arbor Day
May	National Safe Boating Week, International Migratory Bird Day
June	National Trails Day, National Marina Day, National Fishing and Boating Week
September	National Hunting and Fishing Day





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Philpott Lake Concerts by Canoe, NC (SAW)

- Sponsored by Franklin County Parks and Recreation with Philpott staff and volunteer support
- Twin Ridge Recreation Area serves as the summer venue for the Concerts by Canoe series.
- Three concerts took place during summer, drawing crowds of more than 150 each time.
- Spectators could sit along the shoreline, paddle around the dock or boat in to watch local bands play live music on the dock.
- USACE set up a booth each time to deliver water safety message and interact with the public.



All photos by Franklin County Parks and Rec staff



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Tuttle Creek Glow Float, KS (NWK)

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WHO:

- Tuttle Creek Lake (NWK)
- City of Manhattan (Kansas)
- Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks
- Kansas State University
- Friends of the Kaw
- US Army, MWR at Ft. Riley

WHEN: since 2017

WHERE: River Pond PUA, Tuttle Creek Lake

WHY: Engage new users, promote paddle-craft sports and public access



Summary: The Glow Paddle is a Halloween-themed haunted water trail for paddle-craft. Attendees are encouraged to come in costume and decorate and illuminate their craft. Paddlers are then guided along the trail with viewing stops of land-based spooky skits and décor. Safety boats and experienced guides assist paddlers on their journey. Upon completing the trail, attendees enjoy camaraderie around a campfire enjoying cider and s'mores.



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Forestry Competition at Wright Patman, TX (SWF)

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- Bowie, Cass-Marion, and Sulphur-Cypress Soil and Water Conservation Districts hosted an annual Field Day at Sportsman's Cove
- 180 students from local schools and 4-H programs participated in 3 competitions: Forestry, Land Judging, and Forage.
- Partners:
 - Texas A&M Forest Service,
 - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
 - Local Ag teachers



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RiverWild Educational River Float – Salamonie, IN (LRC)

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Goals:

- Raise awareness of water safety in and around water
- Teach proper PFD sizing and fit testing.
- Describe watersheds and the role of flood management reservoirs.

Partners:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (MOU)
- Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Indiana Department Natural Resources
- Wabash County Fire and Rescue
- Wabash River Defenders
- Indiana Conservation Officers
- Wabash Co. Solid Waste Mgt
- Acres Land Trust
- Wabash Historical Society





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Tribal Youth Opioid Awareness Summit – Cochiti Lake, NM (SPA)

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- Focused on the prevention of opioid and stimulant use for young tribal members in the region
- Raising awareness, education, and empowering youth with life and resiliency skills
- Event features a un-filled afternoon of outdoor activities such as paddle boarding, archery, and a trail walk, which focused on traditional foods and cultivation techniques.
- Event provided an opportunity for SPA team members to engage with members of the community and build relationships with other local, state, and federal partners.
- **Partners:**
 - TEWA Roots Society
 - Jemez Public Health
 - Cochiti Lake Fire and Rescue
 - BIA law enforcement



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