

# W. KERR SCOTT VOLUNTEER/PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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# TEAM W. KERR SCOTT

Volunteers and partners play a vital role here at W. Kerr Scott. They are a part of a team that includes management, administration, Park Rangers, and service contractors. This team works together to conserve our national recreation resources and keep these valuable areas available to the public. In many cases, volunteers are the first contact the public has with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.







# SEASONAL STAFF

Recreation season is from Apr 1 to Oct 31

- Approximately 20 volunteers per season
  - Work as individuals, couples, or a family

Recreation Seasonal Positions:

- Park Attendant (Boomer Park and Berry Mountain Park),
- Front Desk Personnel (Visitor Assistance Center and Environmental Education Center)
- Maintenance Personnel (General and Trails),
- Interpretation Assistants



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# SEASONAL STAFF

Off season is from November 1 to March 31.

- Approximately 2 volunteers per season
  - Work as a couple
- General and Facilities Maintenance







# SEASONAL STAFF



Examples of work accomplished by Butch and Trish Tatu:

- Kitchen in VAC
- Change station at Pump Track
- Safety fencing at Smithey's Creek



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# VOLUNTEER GROUPS



Throughout the year, volunteer groups perform a variety of projects.

Some of our Volunteer Groups:

- Wilkes Central AFJROTC
- Clean Up Wilkes
- Northwest North Carolina Mountain Bike Alliance
- Wilkes County Disc Golf Club
- New Century Scholars
- ECKERD Youth
- Project Challenge
- Wilkes County FFA



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# STUDENTS – HIGH SCHOOL



W. Kerr Scott sponsors local high school students for:

- Career & Technical Education (CTE) (Internships, 67 hours)
- Occupational Course of Study (Service Projects)
- Senior Service Projects (15 hours)
- Communities in Schools New Century Scholars (Service Projects)
- Wilkes County FFA (Service Projects)
- Wilkes Central AFJROTC (Service Projects)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Paid Summer Employment)







# STUDENTS - COLLEGE



- W. Kerr Scott sponsors college students for:
- Wilkes Community College (Work-Based Learning, 160 hours)
  - Appalachian State University (Recreation Management Internship, 12 Weeks, 40 hr week)







# NATIONAL MOUS

W. Kerr Scott supports organizations with national MOUs such as:

- American Chestnut Foundation
- Boy Scouts of America
- Girl Scouts of the USA
- Every Kid in a Park
- International Mountain Biking Association
- Student Conservation Association



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# NEEF - NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY



W. Kerr Scott supports organizations with national MOUs such as:  
– National Environmental Education Foundation (National Public Lands Day)



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# LOCAL MOUS

W. Kerr Scott supports organizations with local MOUs such as:

- Appalachian State University
  - Star Party (part of NC Science Festival)
  - Yadkin River Cleanup
  - Campground Interpretive Programs







# COOPERATING ASSOCIATIONS



W. Kerr Scott establishes Cooperating Associations with :

- Friends of W. Kerr Scott Lake
- Brushy Mountain Cyclists Club
- Bleu Moon Productions



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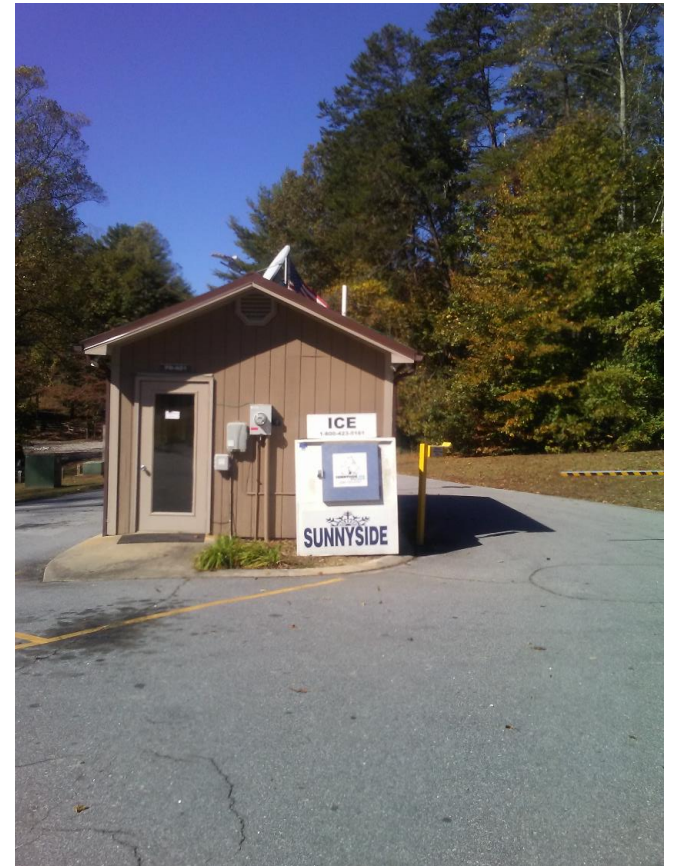


# FOL SERVICES



Friends of the Lake provide:

- Gift Shop at the VAC
- Firewood & Ice at each campground







# CONTRIBUTIONS

W. Kerr Scott accepts contributions from individuals, organizations, and estates to support environmental education, safety, and recreation programs such as:

- Wilkes County Library (Story Walk)
- Lester Warren Estate (EEC Taxidermy)
- North Carolina Forest Service (Chainsaw Course)



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# HANDSHAKE PROGRAM AGREEMENT



W. Kerr Scott currently has a Handshake Agreement project:

- Chestnut Planting @ Ft. Hamby
- Research Project

W. Kerr Scott (USACE) partnered with:

- The American Chestnut Foundation
- Appalachian State University (Biology Dept)
- Friends of the Lake
- NC Forest Service (BRIDGE)
- West Wilkes High School Agriculture Program







# STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION



W. Kerr Scott sponsors students enrolled in Student Conservation Association (SCA):

- Two interns for 2018 Recreation Season
- Conducted interpretive and water safety programs
- Conducted visitor surveys
- Maintained trails

Kaleigh Colwell has worked with W. Kerr Scott for 3 seasons in 3 different positions:

- 2017 as an ASU Recreation Management Intern (reimbursed for mileage and a meal)
- 2018 as an SCA Intern
- 2019 as a Permanent Seasonal Park Ranger







# VOLUNTEER LODGING

W. Kerr Scott has a partially furnished Volunteer House along with 9 campsites with water, electric, sewer, and internet available for volunteers:

- 5 campsites at Volunteer Village (includes laundry facilities)
- 2 campsites at Berry Mountain Park
- 2 campsites at Boomer Park







# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



W. Kerr Scott shows appreciation of volunteers by:

- Having potluck & holiday Luncheons
- Including them in Corps Day activities
- Nominating them for awards



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# PARTNER ACKNOWLEDGMENT



W. Kerr Scott acknowledges contributions and service provided by partners:

- Presenting Letters of Acceptance
- Including logo on signs
- News Releases



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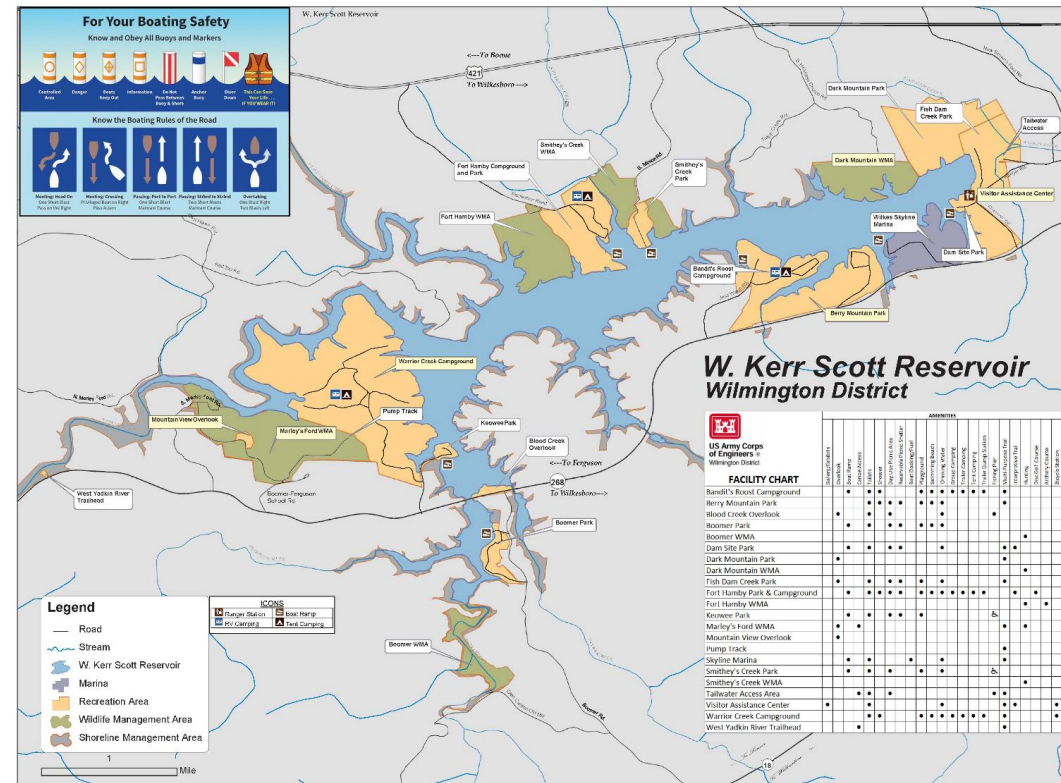




# THE “PRINTS” OF VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERS



Journey across the entire W. Kerr Scott project and you will find that the fingerprints and footprints of volunteers and partners are everywhere whether they built it, maintained it, operated it, donated it, etc.







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**IN SUMMARY....  
CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THEM!**