

## Fact Sheet

- The Corps of Engineers is the steward of almost 12 million acres of land and water across the country. Volunteers play an important role in protecting the natural resources and maintaining recreation facilities.
- Volunteers serve as campground hosts, staff visitor centers, conduct programs, clean shorelines, restore fish and wildlife habitat, maintain park trails and facilities, and more.
- All volunteers serve without pay but receive other benefits. However, a free campsite or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses may be provided. While performing their duties, volunteers receive protection for personal liability under the Tort Claims Act and are entitled to first aid and medical treatment for on-the-job injuries under the Federal Employees Compensation Act.
- Why do people volunteer? Volunteers gain valuable skills, work outdoors, help people and the environment, meet new people, have fun, and enjoy making a difference.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers Volunteer Clearinghouse is a national information center for people who are interested in volunteering their time at Corps lakes and projects.
- The Volunteer Clearinghouse has a toll-free telephone hotline number, 800-VOL-TEER or 800-865-8337, and a Website, [www.corpslakes.us/volunteer](http://www.corpslakes.us/volunteer).
- The Clearinghouse links volunteer workers with Corps lakes and projects across the country that can use their services. Each person that contacts the clearinghouse receives a volunteer packet with opportunities, points of contact, application, brochure, and map.
- On the Website, [www.corpslakes.us/volunteer](http://www.corpslakes.us/volunteer), people can obtain information online and Corps personnel can submit vacancies to fill their volunteer needs.
- The public benefits from the Clearinghouse by having one location with a toll-free telephone number and a Website to learn about volunteer opportunities nationwide. The Corps of Engineers benefits from the Clearinghouse by making contact with and possibly recruiting more potential volunteers that may not otherwise know about the program.
- In addition to the work that volunteers perform, the Corps of Engineers benefits from the volunteer program by building a stewardship for public lands and water. Volunteers are friends that the Corps of Engineers couldn't do without.