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Corps invites the public to participate in Earth Day 2011

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District invites you to celebrate Earth Day 2011. As part of a year-round commitment to the environment, Army organizations join with local communities to celebrate Earth Day on or around April 22 each year. Earth Day, an international event demonstrating concern and mobilizing support for the environment, was first celebrated in 1970 and rallied more than 20 million Americans to become involved in environmental activities.

Earth Day 2011 will be organized around “A Billion Acts of Green®”: Personal, organizational and corporate pledges to live and act sustainably. A Billion Acts of Green® demonstrates the kind of environmental impact that can be made when millions of people, corporations and organizations make commitments, both small and large, to better their environment.

District events will be taking place through April. Below is a list of events:

Shenango River Lake

April 9: Bayview ORV Clean-Up-- ATV Traction, a local group that partners with the Corps to maintain Bayview, will be having a work day. Activities will include clearing trails, remarking riding area boundaries, litter pickup, sign maintenance, etc.
April 23: Litter Pickup in access areas--garbage bags and gloves provided by PennDOT; Tree planting--seedlings provided by Pa. Game Commission; Clean-up from recent high water (i.e. pressure washing picnic tables, removing tree limbs and other debris, etc).

Contact Ranger Eric Schreckengost, 724-646-1124, for more information on Earth Day events.

MJ Kirwan Dam & Reservoir

April 16 – Annual Earth Day project clean up in partnership with West Branch State Park. We will be picking up litter throughout the whole project and state park areas followed by barbeque for volunteers. For more information, call 330-358-2622.

Mosquito Creek Lake

April 21 - Our volunteer groups will be celebrating Earth Day with trail maintenance, litter pick up and landscaping. For more information, call 330-637-1961.

Loyalhanna Lake

April 16 - Loyalhanna Lake Staff is seeking volunteers to participate in their Annual Cleanup Day, co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Southwest Bassmen, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Adelphi Village and Peoples Natural Gas. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon as a celebration of Earth Day and in conjunction with Keep Pa. Beautiful, an ambitious statewide effort to remove litter from the state's roadways, parks, streams and lakes. The event will be held at the Bush

Recreation Area, near New Alexandria, PA. Lunch, refreshments and safety equipment will be provided. Those interested may contact Park Ranger Mike Setlock at 724-639-9013.

Mahoning Creek Lake

April 22 - This year the Mahoning Creek Lake staff will host an Earth Day Nature Hike at the Milton Wildlife Area beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Milton Loop campground and boat launch upper parking lot. The 1-1/2 hour hike along part of the Baker Trail will be led by a Corps Park Ranger who will identify trees and shrubs of the area as well as any animal tracks. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in Boundary surveillance by marking and painting project boundary markers along the Baker trail during the hike. Then on Sunday, 24 April as another part of the Earth Day activities, again led by a Corps Park Ranger beginning at 10:30 a.m. from the Sportsman's boat ramp, we will conduct tours of the Lake. Participants will have the opportunity to help clean the boat ramp and parking lot. Depending on participation, Lake Tours will last approximately 20-30 minutes. All visitors will need to wear a life vest. Vests will be provided. Any participant under age 18 planning to take the lake tour must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Pre-registration for these Earth Day Activities is not necessary but is encouraged. To reregister, please call the Park Office at 814-257-8811 or e-mail grover.m.pegg@usace.army.mil before April 20. Participants are reminded to dress appropriately for a nature hike and plan for weather conditions that may be encountered.

Tygart Lake

April 23 - Shoreline Clean Up. For more information, call 304-265-1760.

Woodcock Creek Lake

April 23 – WCL will be removing some small trees and brush from the overlook area to make sure it remains an overlook. Some residual Christmas trees that didn't make the lake will be turned into wildlife piles, excess mulch spread...general beautification of the overlook area. For more information, call 814-763-4422.

Stonewall Jackson Lake

Throughout April - Junior Ranger Program. For more information, call 304-269-4588.

Tionesta Lake

April 30 - Lakeshore Cleanup. For more information, call 814-755-3512

Kinzua Dam & Allegheny Reservoir

Throughout April: Kinzua Boat Launch will be undergoing some improvements throughout April and May. Concrete steps, improvements to the launch area stabilization as well as the addition of picnic tables, benches, grills and possible tree plantings are planned to be undertaken by Allegheny Outdoor Club, Penn Soil RC&D, various volunteers, Warren County organizations, and Kinzua Dam.

May 14: Annual Allegheny Reservoir Cleanup. Warren County Probation, Walmart, PNC Bank, Allegheny Outfitters, Warren County Visitors Bureau, US Forest Service, many volunteers and Kinzua Dam will all be participating. For more information, call 814-726-0661.

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