

2010 **SPRING** NC BIG SWEEP in WAKE COUNTY

~ List of Watershed Cleanups Needing Volunteers ~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Wake County invites you to help clean up our streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands! See below for our list of scheduled NC Big Sweep cleanups across Wake County for spring 2010. Most events are open to the public while others are organized by organizations for their members only. Check back often as new sites may be added to this list!

Each site's Zone Captain will provide trash bags, gloves, data cards, and a liability waiver to be signed by all participants. Please dress for the weather and put safety first! Contact the Zone Captain if pre-registration is required prior to the event or for more information.

Important Note: Big Sweep cleanups may be re-scheduled due to severe weather.

Wake County Big Sweep is coordinated by Wake Soil & Water Conservation District and made possible by Wake County, NC Big Sweep, and a host of partners from local towns, parks, civic clubs, businesses, organizations, schools, and neighbors who care.

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Thank you for volunteering to keep our watersheds litter-free!

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 27, 2010

RALEIGH

Brentwood Today Lake in north Raleigh ~~

Participating in GIVE A DAY – GET A DISNEY DAY (volunteer online at Disney web site)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Join us as we work from 9:00 am-1:00 pm to clean up streams and lake peninsulas in the Brentwood Today community. We'll meet at 9:00 am to distribute gloves, trash bags and data cards at the Pine Knoll Drive dead-end near Greywood Drive. Please dress for the weather and in tough clothing that can get wet and dirty. Boots and waders will be helpful but not necessary. There are some dry land areas to clean, and some muddy areas too. To volunteer, contact Zone Captain Don Munk at (919) 541-2526 or mistermunk@gmail.com

Directions: From the I-440 Beltline, travel north on Capital Blvd./U.S. Hwy 1. Turn left onto Greywood Drive. Immediately look right and see the Pine Knoll Drive cul-de-sac where we'll meet at 9:00 am.

SATURDAY – MARCH 20, 2010

FUQUAY-VARINA

Neils Branch at Howard Carroll Johnson Environmental Center~~

For Fuquay-Varina High School Environmental Club ONLY!

RALEIGH

Lake Wheeler at Lake Wheeler Park ~~

Participating in GIVE A DAY – GET A DISNEY DAY (volunteer online at Disney web site)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Check in at 9:00 am at the waterfront program center. Volunteers will clean up until 11:00 am. Questions? Please call the park office at (919) 662-5704.

Directions: From Beltline I-40/440, take Lake Wheeler Road exit and drive south for 5 miles. Enter park on right-hand side at 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603.

SATURDAY - MARCH 27, 2010

HOLLY SPRINGS

Bass Lake at Bass Lake Park & Retreat Center ~~

Participating in GIVE A DAY – GET A DISNEY DAY (volunteer online at Disney web site)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Help clean the shoreline and wetland areas of Bass Lake.

Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided.

Work until 12 noon. Please pre-register by calling the park office at (919) 557-2496.

Directions: Bass Lake Park is located at 900 Bass Lake Road in Holly Springs.

RALEIGH

Walnut Creek Wetland in southeast Raleigh ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! At 8:30 am, meet at the new Wetland Center at 950 Peterson Street, Raleigh, NC 27610. Join Raleigh Parks & Recreation, Partners for Environmental Justice, and Wake County Big Sweep in cleaning up this unique urban wetland. Cleanup continues until 11:30 pm.

Please wear work clothes, pants and boots (no open-toe shoes). Bring water bottles.

For information, contact Zone Captain Ross Andrews at ross.andrews@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Directions: From Martin Luther King Blvd., take South State Street to Peterson Street. Turn right onto Peterson and see new Wetland Center on the corner of Peterson and State Streets.

SATURDAY – APRIL 3, 2010

MORRISVILLE

Lake Crabtree at Lake Crabtree County Park ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Meet at 9:00 am at Boat Rental Complex to clean up one of Wake County's most popular lakes! Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Most volunteers work until 12 noon. To register, call (919) 460-2723.

Directions: From I-40, take Exit 285 (Aviation Parkway). Go south towards Morrisville, away from airport. Proceed down hill less than 1/4 mile and turn left at the light into park.

WAKE COUNTY - SOUTH

Harris Lake at Harris Lake County Park in New Hill ~~

Participating in GIVE A DAY – GET A DISNEY DAY (volunteer online at Disney web site)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Volunteers are invited to meet at 9:00 am at the Peninsula Trail Entrance in the park. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Volunteers work until 12:00 pm. For information, call the park office at (919) 387-4342.

Directions: Take Highway 1 South to Exit 89 - New Hill Road.

Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill, NC 27562

SATURDAY - APRIL 10, 2010

RALEIGH

Marsh Creek at Brentwood Elementary ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Meet at the Brentwood Elementary School parking lot near the creek at 9:30 am. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Wear clothes & shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please dress for the weather. To pre-register, contact Zone Captain Liz Lord at (919) 872-8387 or buffylrd@yahoo.com

Directions: From I-440 Beltline, take Capital Blvd./US 1 North exit. Travel north, away from downtown. Turn left onto Brentwood Road. Turn right onto Ingram Drive. School will be on your right at 3426 Ingram Drive, Raleigh, NC 27604.

Marsh Creek between Stoneybrook Drive & Skycrest Drive ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! **From 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.** Meet Zone Captain Parnell Bell of the Blue Phoenix Group on the bridge. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Wear clothes & shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please dress for the weather. To pre-register, contact Parnell at (919) 878-5122.

Directions: From I-440 Beltline, take Capital Blvd./US 1 North exit. Travel north, away from downtown. Turn right onto Brentwood Road. See Post Office on right, then turn left onto Stoneybrook Drive. See new bridge over Marsh Creek and park here on side of road.

Neuse River (Wake County Big Sweep cleans the tributaries entering the Neuse)~~

Participating in GIVE A DAY – GET A DISNEY DAY (volunteer online at Disney web site)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! A separate, but related program to clean the Neuse River from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm with the Neuse Riverkeeper Foundation at <http://www.neuseriver.org/>.

SATURDAY – APRIL 17, 2010

GARNER

Lake Benson and Swift Creek at Lake Benson Park ~~

Participating in GIVE A DAY – GET A DISNEY DAY (volunteer online at Disney web site)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! From 9:00 am-12 noon join area volunteers in cleaning up the shores of Lake Benson and Swift Creek. Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water & sun protection. Help beautify your community by participating in this cleanup that is appropriate for families with children ages 5 and up. Meet at the Lake Benson Boathouse at 9:00 am.

Directions: Lake Benson is located at 975 Buffalo Road in Garner. Please call (919) 661-6982 for more information.

SATURDAY – MAY 1, 2010

CARY

Several Cleanup Sites throughout Cary ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! A separate, but related litter cleanup throughout Cary. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Heather Morell at (919) 469-4301 or Heather.Morell@townofcary.org

Thank you for volunteering for Wake County Big Sweep!

Wake County Big Sweep is affiliated with the larger North Carolina Big Sweep (www.ncbigssweep.org) and is coordinated by Wake Soil & Water Conservation District in Raleigh, NC (<http://www.wakegov.com/water/conservation/bigssweep.htm>)

If you need further assistance, contact the Wake County Big Sweep Coordinator Sheila Jones at (919) 250-1065 or sbjones@wakegov.com