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SPECIAL EVENTS AT CENTER HILL LAKE

Have you ever taken a trip to Center Hill Lake and floated in a boating regatta, competed in a PWC (personal water craft) race, ran a water ski slalom course, or landed the "big one" in the bass tournament? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you were involved in one of the several types of Special Events that occur quite often at Center Hill Lake. You may not realize it, but you are participating in activities that require a "special events" permit.

These organized and group activities are but a few of the many at Center Hill Lake that require written permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the form of the special events permit. These permits are necessary to assist the Resource Manager in better managing the events in terms of the participants and public's safety and security, and the protection of the public land and water resources of the project. The permit addresses concerns such as emergency medical availability and contact information, traffic and vehicle control, property security, litter control, sanitary issues, environmental protection, etc.

Any group or individual planning on organizing or conducting a group event or activity on public lands or waters at Center Hill Lake should contact the Center Hill Lake Resource Manager's Office at least 45 days prior to the proposed event to determine if a Corps of Engineers "Special Events" permit is necessary. A Ranger or other natural resources management staff member will be glad to explain the special events permit program to you and assist you in completing a special events permit application if necessary.

You may learn more about the Center Hill Lake "Special Events" program or other U.S. Army Corps of Engineers programs and information by calling the Center Hill Lake Resource Manager's Office at (931) 858-3125, (615) 548-4521.