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**Spring
2004**

Public Workshops Scheduled

Please join us for one of the annual public workshops presented by the Old Hickory Lake Resource Management Staff. The first workshop will be held Tuesday, April 13, at the Old Hickory Community Center in Old Hickory. The second workshop will be held on Thursday, April 15, at the Hendersonville City Hall in Hendersonville. Both workshops will begin at 7 p.m.

These workshops are hosted annually to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input on the various natural resource management programs including shoreline management, recreation, environmental compliance as well as other issues of concern. A limited number of free trees, shrubs and bird boxes will be available at these meetings for adjacent property owners to plant and/or install on public property.

For more information, contact the Resource Manager's Office at: (615) 822-4846 or (615) 847-2395.



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REAL Program Affects Recreation Areas at Old Hickory Lake

The Nashville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will initiate 'Recreation Excellence at Army Lakes, or R.E.A.L. program in 2004, a pioneering concept in recreation management. Under the plan, management of some areas will be placed under different agencies, and some campgrounds, primitive campsites, day use areas, and boat launching areas at lakes managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Cumberland River Basin will be closed or restricted.

The measures are necessary to allow the Corps to provide the high level of service expected by visitors to preferred locations at Corps lakes in Tennessee and part of Kentucky. The closures will prevent valuable resources being expended at the least-visited areas.

More than 34 million visitors used Nashville District lakes last year and Resource Managers expect the same visitation rates next year. While these measures may inconvenience a few, the actions will help ensure the maximum benefit for the most people. Officials have ensured that in each instance where a Recreation Area is being closed, an alternative site is available nearby that guests may continue to use.

Closures will affect Corps of Engineers campgrounds and recreation areas at Old Hickory, J. Percy Priest, Cheatham, Cordell Hull, Center Hill and Dale Hollow Lakes in Tennessee and Lake Barkley and Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. At Old Hickory Lake, Shutes Branch Campground will be closed, along with boat launching ramps at Dickerson Chapel, Riverview, and Tyree. At Martha Gallatin Recreation Area, some of the underutilized picnic facilities will be removed and the season will be shorter. Cedar Grove and Goose Creek launching ramps were proposed for closure but the City of Gallatin requested to maintain Cedar Grove launching area and Trousdale County has requested to maintain Goose Creek launching area, in order for these areas to remain open for public use.

For additional information, please visit the REAL website at: www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pao/issues/REAL or contact our office.

Meet the Staff

If you're a newcomer to Old Hickory Lake, or if it has just been a while since you have had the need to contact us, you may not be familiar with all of the Corps employees who work in the Resource Manager's Office.

Resource Manager -- **Carl Crews** has been the Re-

source Manager at Old Hickory Lake since 1992. An employee of the Corps of Engineers since 1971, Carl first came to work at Old Hickory in March 1977.

Administrative Assistant -- The first person most people talk to at Old Hickory is our friendly administrative assistant, **Nancy Taylor**, who answers the phone and handles all of our administrative tasks. Nancy joined the Corps in September 1998, when she came to work at Old Hickory.

Office Automation Clerk - **Matthew Detlefsen** has worked at Old Hickory since June 2000. A student at Volunteer State Community College, Matt is a volunteer fireman in White House, Tennessee and also works evenings as a security guard.

Rangers

Conservation Biologist **Kenny Claywell** served a previous tour of duty as a ranger at Old Hickory in 2001 before transferring to Dale Hollow Lake. A graduate of Tennessee Tech, Kenny returned to Old Hickory in June 2003, to take a position as our Environmental Protection Specialist. He became our Conservation Biologist in November 2003.

Area 1 (North side of the lake from

the Briley Parkway bridge to the Indian Lake Road area in Hendersonville) – Ranger **Mark Klimaszewski** is a graduate of Western Illinois University who started working for the Corps of Engineers while in college. After graduation, he worked at lakes in Illinois and Kentucky before coming to Old Hickory in January 2002.

Area 2 (North side of the lake from the Bayshore Drive area in Hendersonville to Cages Bend in Gallatin) – Ranger **Tim O’Connell** joined the Corps in September 2002, after 26 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Tim first started working in the counties bordering Old Hickory Lake in 1973, when he tested cattle in this area for brucellosis.

Area 3 (North side of the lake from Bay Point Subdivision in Gallatin to the Smith County Line) - An Indiana native, Ranger **Courtney Wilson** attended Volunteer State Community College on a softball scholarship and lived in Hendersonville before transferring to UT-Martin to finish her education. While at Martin, Courtney began working for the Corps at Lake Barkley in Kentucky; she came to Old Hickory in May 2003.

Area 4 (South side of the lake from the Smith County line to Gambill Cove Road in Wilson County) our newest ranger, **Gary Bruce**, grew up in Hendersonville and played football for the Henderson-

ville Commandos. Gary, a graduate of Tennessee Tech, started working for the Corps at Dale Hollow Lake in May 2002. He later joined the Old Hickory staff in October 2003.

Area 5 (South side of the lake from Gambill Cove Road in Wilson County to the Briley Parkway bridge) - **Becky Jolly** joined the Corps in 1992 and worked at lakes in South Carolina and North Carolina before coming to Old Hickory in October 2002. A graduate of Clemson University, Becky enjoyed watching the Peach Bowl this year and with Clemson as the winner says she now has bragging rights for all of 2004.

Gary Conley assists the other rangers on all areas of the lake. Gary grew up in Illinois, served in Turkey with the U.S. Army, and worked in the construction business on the Eastern Shore of Maryland before moving to Tennessee with his wife. Gary came to work at Old Hickory in June 2000.

It’s Camping Season Again!

Spring is finally here! The warm temperatures and longer days mean that it is time to enjoy the outdoors. Old Hickory Lake provides many opportunities for both individuals and families to enjoy their favorite outdoor activities such as boating, swimming and camping. We have two great campgrounds that offer campers a variety of recreational opportunities. The campgrounds are listed on the next page along with the approximate location, price range, and opening and closing dates for each.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

Do you enjoy being in the outdoors, working with people, and sharing your skills and talents? Then you may enjoy becoming a volunteer at Old Hickory Lake. Still not sure? Come give it a try Saturday, September 18, 2004, as part of National Public Lands Day. From participating in the shoreline cleanup to tree identification, everyone has something to offer. Come spend the day, and see what a positive contribution you can make to our environment and public lands.

Cages Bend Campground
Location: Gallatin area
Open: April 1– Oct 30
Price: \$19-23 per night

Cedar Creek Campground
Location: Mt. Juliet area
Open: April 1– Oct 31
Price: \$19-23 per night

Campsites may be reserved through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) by calling toll-free 1-877-444-6777 or online at www.reserveusa.com.

Opening Dates for the Day Use Areas are May 14, thru September 6, 2004. These include Old Hickory Beach, (Davidson County), Laguardo and Cedar Creek Day Use (Wilson County).

National Safe Boating Week May 22-28, 2004

On June 4, 2003, Governor Phil Bredesen signed into law a mandatory boating education requirement for persons born after January 1, 1989. Effective January 1, 2005, anyone who meets this age criteria operating a boat on Tennessee waters must show proof of successful completion of a nationally approved boating safety course accepted by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). A certificate of completion will be issued by TWRA and a \$10 charge will be assessed.

Facts about Boat Safety:

- Wearing Lifejackets Saves Lives
- Boater Education Saves Lives
- Safe Boats (safety design, well maintained and properly equipped vessels) Saves Lives
- Sober Boating Saves Lives

Four Major causes of Drowning are:

- Not Wearing a Lifejacket
- Abuse of Alcohol
- Lack of Sufficient Swimming Skills
- Hypothermia

Drowning is the #1 cause of death in boating accidents. It is the 2nd leading cause of accidental deaths for persons 15-44 years of age. To get more information go to the Nashville District website at <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pao/watersafety>.

Remember to Wear your Life-jacket!



Dock Revisions Needed?

As the deadline for having only encased flotation for all private docks on the lake approaches (June 1, 2005), many dock owners may want to make revisions to their docks. As long as the new dock meets current requirements for docks on Old Hickory Lake, obtaining approval from the Corps for dock revisions is a simple process. These are the steps to follow for dock revisions:

1. Contact the ranger for your area and he/she will provide you with a simple two-page dock revision application.

2. Complete the application, including a drawing of what the dock will look like when completed. Remember that docks cannot exceed 700 square feet and cannot extend more than 50 feet from the shoreline.
3. Send the application to your ranger. Your application will be returned to you stamped either "Approved" or "Denied." If your application is denied, your ranger will explain the corrections for approval.
4. Once your application is approved, you can begin construction on the revisions. All debris from the old dock will have to be removed from the lake and from public land.

For additional information please contact the ranger for your area at: (615)822-4846 or (615)847-2395.

Spring Tree Planting

Spring is the season of new growth, and with it comes an excellent opportunity to get outdoors and give something back to the environment by planting a native tree. Proper landscaping with native trees can not only increase property value, save energy, and provide privacy, but can also provide excellent habitat and food source for wildlife.

Spring also offers landowners adjacent to Old Hickory Lake a great opportunity to plant trees. The current permit conditions in the Shoreline Management Plan require that permittees plant and maintain trees on public land to a density of at least 24 trees per acre. Existing trees on public land are counted toward this total.



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Also, the government boundary line must be delineated by a tree or shrub every 40 feet.

The most common form of trees planted are those that come from container stock, or simply trees that have been grown in containers, usually 1-2" at the base. Many native species of trees and shrubs are available from the greenhouse at the Old Hickory Lake Resource Manager's Office. There is no charge for the trees, but they must be planted on public property.

Take advantage of the weather this Spring by getting out and planting a tree in your area! If you are interested in obtaining trees from the Old Hickory Lake greenhouse, or would like additional information, please contact the Resource Manager's Office.

Home on the Water?

For many, leaving the office or workplace on Friday and heading to the houseboat on the lake is the beginning of a perfect weekend. With all the features that modern

houseboats are equipped with, they are just like being at home. Some people, however, use their houseboats as full or part-time residences.

This practice is prohibited by Corps of Engineers regulations, and violators are subject to being issued a citation to appear in federal court. Houseboating is an important part of the recreational experience at Old Hickory Lake and should be used for that purpose only. For a copy of all regulations governing Corps of Engineers lakes, please call or come by the office.

