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Boone Lake Cleanup set for May 16

The 10th annual Boone Lake Cleanup will be held Saturday, May 16. This event is a cooperative effort between several municipal, civic and corporate organizations, during which volunteers collect trash and debris from in and around Boone Lake.

To add an element of fun, volunteers have the opportunity to win cash and prizes. For each bag of trash collected, the volunteer receives a prize ticket. Tickets will be evenly drawn from each pickup location to give everyone a better chance of winning. Last year, more than \$4,500 in cash and prizes was awarded.

Special emphasis is being placed on floating trash this year. To encourage boater participation, a number of brightly colored prize bottles will be placed at various locations around the lake. Each bottle will contain a certificate good for either cash or merchandise valued at \$50.

A group incentive has also been added with an emphasis on stream cleanup that could help civic groups and youth organizations increase their bank accounts. Groups can register online at www.boonelakeassociation.org. Deadline for group participation is May 14.

The event will kick-off at 9 a.m. on May 16 with volunteers passing out TVA trash bags and gloves at the following locations: Bluff City 11-E Bridge, Davis Boat Dock, Hidden Cove, Jay's Boat Dock, Rockingham Dock, Sonny's Marina, TWRA/11-E Devault Bridge, Lakeview Marina, and Boone Lake Marina. Trash collected must be returned to these locations by 3 p.m. All trash collected must be in a TVA bag to be eligible for the cash and door prize drawings. More than 25 tons of trash was removed from Boone Lake during last year's event.

The event will culminate with a picnic for volunteers at 4 p.m. at Winged Deer Park's Meredith Pavilion. Volunteers will be treated to a meal and music, prizes will be awarded, and each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

This year's major sponsors include: Boone Lake Association, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services, Citadel Broadcasting, City of Bluff City, City of Johnson City, Food City, Holston Distributing, Johnson City Power Board, Mountain States Health Alliance, Mullican Flooring, Johnson City Parks and Recreation, Spectra Energy, and TVA.

For more information, contact the Boone Lake Association at (423)323-1630, or Johnson City Parks and Recreation at (423)283-5827, or visit www.boonelakeassociation.org.

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