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Volunteer Lake Springfield Park Spruce-Up Day April 6

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board invites service organizations, bird watchers and other groups and individuals to volunteer at the Lake Springfield Park Spruce-Up Day Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Springfield Park, 2312 E. Lake Springfield Park Road.

Volunteers will help widen and mulch trails, clear flower beds, maintain native habitat and remove invasive trees with loppers. Due to the nature of the work, only children 12 and older may volunteer.

"My biggest project this year is mulch the trails at Lake Springfield Park," said David Riggs, Special Facilities Supervisor at Lake Springfield Park.

Water, light snacks and all necessary tools will be provided. Volunteers are asked to wear work gloves, sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing suitable for outdoor work.

Riggs said the Spruce-Up Day is a great opportunity for church groups, fraternities and sororities, scouts and other groups to spend time outdoors while providing a service to the community. Volunteers should check in at 9 a.m. at the Lake Springfield Park Northwoods Pavilion, up the hill from the Boathouse (signs will be posted.)

Groups providing volunteers include Volunteers for Outdoor Missouri, the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board and Missouri Department of Conservation.

Pre-registration is requested by April 3, but registration may be done the morning of the event. In the event of inclement weather, this event may be rescheduled and parks staff will contact those who have pre-registered with details.

For more information or to register, call Ellen Painter, Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-864-1051. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.