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## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY AT BERLIN LAKE

BERLIN LAKE – The Berlin Lake staff is seeking volunteers to join them in providing "helping hands for America's lands" during their 4<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 22. Volunteers will join the largest annual national volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands.

Individual volunteers and groups can roll up their sleeves and devote their day to shoreline cleanup, campground enhancement and park restoration activities at Berlin Lake. Volunteers can camp for free on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, and enjoy a free Country and Western concert, featuring local artist Kathy Simpson, on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Berlin Lake Day Use Pavilion. Volunteer registration will begin Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Day Use Pavilion. Saturday activities will conclude with a free hearty barbeque lunch and award presentation ceremony.

Park Ranger Julie Stone, this year's event coordinator, admired the commitment of last year's volunteers noting, "Over one hundred people, young and young at heart, came out in the pouring rain and made an incredible difference." Stone expects this year's event will be an even greater success. "People love Berlin Lake," said Stone, "it's in their hearts to preserve and protect it for future generations."

This year's goal is to exceed the 2006 National Public Lands Day numbers of 100,000 volunteers by at least an additional 10,000. "Public lands serve all Americans, and National Public Lands Day provides a fun and educational opportunity for Americans to return the favor to those lands and the wildlife they harbor," states Robb Hampton, Director of National Public Lands Day.

To volunteer for National Public Lands Day or for additional information on this or other volunteer opportunities at Berlin Lake, call the Lake Office at 330-547-3781 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.