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## **The North Texas Water Safety Coalition and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announce Free Water Safety Fair**

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers often reaches out to the public to teach water safety. One way is by partnering with the North Texas Water Safety Coalition who is sponsoring a free Water Safety Fair this Saturday, June 2, 2007, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lynn Creek Marina on Joe Pool Lake, 5700 Lake Ridge Pkwy. Grand Prairie, Texas, 75052.

The fair is designed to educate people about common causes of drowning or injuries which include lapses in adult supervision of children, swimming beyond marked boundaries and undesignated areas, alcohol and drug abuse, reckless operation of watercraft, diving from banks into unknown depths, skiing in congested areas, overexertion and overcrowding of boats.

The coalition is made up of 18 different groups that will be supporting the event. The fair will feature nine booths with activities that will teach water and boating safety to participants. Some activities include lifejacket fitting, boat entry procedures, sinking boat scenarios, and boat rides.

Other websites of interest:

[www.boat-ed.com/tx](http://www.boat-ed.com/tx) - Texas Boating Regulations and Boat Safety Course Online

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/laws](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/laws) - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Boating Laws

For more tips on how to be water safe, visit the Corps' water safety web site at <http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/> For a fun cartoon on life jacket safety, visit Bobber the Water Safety Dog at <http://bobber.info/>

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