

# 2012 FALL BIG SWEEP in WAKE COUNTY

## ~ List of Watershed Cleanups Needing Volunteers ~

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!** Wake County invites you to help clean up our streams, lakes, and wetlands as part of North Carolina Big Sweep!

This fall there are a total of 21 sites with 15 needing volunteers! Scroll down to view the list of sites—they are listed chronologically by date, then alphabetically by town and watershed.

Each site's Zone Captain will provide trash bags, gloves, data cards, and a liability waiver to be signed by all participants. Please dress for the weather and put safety first! Check the meeting time! Please contact the Zone Captain to confirm your attendance and for site-specific information.

**Important Note:** Big Sweep cleanups may be cancelled &/or re-scheduled due to severe weather.

**Thank you for volunteering to keep our Wake County watersheds litter-free!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012**

### RALEIGH

#### Walnut Creek Wetland in southeast Raleigh ~~

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

Raleigh Parks & Recreation, Partners for Environmental Justice, and Wake County Big Sweep invite you to help in maintaining this one of a kind wetland. Meet at the Walnut Creek Wetland Center located at 950 Peterson Street, Raleigh, NC 27610. Please wear work clothes, pants and boots (no open-toed shoes) and bring a water bottle. For information, and to register, contact Zone Captain Sherry Graham at 919-831-1960 or sherry.graham@raleighnc.gov.

Directions: From Martin Luther King Blvd., take South State Street to Peterson Street. Turn right onto Peterson. Walnut Creek Wetland Center is on the corner of Peterson and State Streets.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012**

### HOLLY SPRINGS

#### Bass Lake at Bass Lake Park & Retreat Center ~~

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00am-11:00am**

Help clean the shoreline and wetland areas of Bass Lake. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Work until 11:00 am. Please pre-register by calling the park office at (919) 557-2496.

Directions: Bass Lake Park is located at 900 Bass Lake Road in Holly Springs.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 -- NC Big Sweep Day across the state**

### CARY

#### Black Creek ~~

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the N.W Maynard Road Black Creek Greenway Trailhead Parking Lot - across from Godbold Park between Harrison Avenue and Chapel Hill Road. Participants will be split into groups and sent out to sites along the greenway- some car travel is required. RSVPs requested to Zone Captain Christy Perrin at 919-515-4542 or christy\_perrin@ncsu.edu

#### Bond Lake at Fred G. Bond Metro Park ~~

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Meet at 9:00 am at the Boathouse and work until 12 noon. Registration is limited! To register, call 919-469-4100. Bond Park is located at 801 High House Road, Cary, NC 27512 between Cary Parkway and Maynard Road, across from St. Michael's Church.

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 -- NC Big Sweep Day across the state**

**CARY**

**Multiple Locations throughout Cary ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 11:30 am**

Join fellow citizens to keep our community litter free! Join us at one of our town-sponsored locations or identify a location of your choice such as a greenway, park, or your neighborhood. We welcome groups and individuals. Gloves, trash bags, safety vests, and trash grabbers are provided. Part of the Spruce program, Cary's Fall Litter Sweep is a local effort to participate in the statewide NC Big Sweep. To register for this event, contact Zone Captain Sarah Justice at 919-469-4301 or [sarah.justice@townofcary.org](mailto:sarah.justice@townofcary.org).

**GARNER**

**Lake Benson and Swift Creek at Lake Benson Park ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 8:30 am biscuits! 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Join area volunteers in cleaning Lake Benson and Swift Creek watershed. Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water & sun protection. Help beautify your community by participating in this cleanup that is appropriate for families with children ages 5 and up. Meet at White Deer Park Nature Center to register and pick up supplies. Registration begins at 8:30 am, biscuits will be provided to volunteers! Clean-up begins at 9:00 am and lasts approximately 2 hours. For more information, please call 919-661-6892 or email [sshaffer@garnernc.gov](mailto:sshaffer@garnernc.gov).

Directions: White Deer Park is located at 2400 Aversboro Road, Garner, NC 27529.

**MORRISVILLE**

**Lake Crabtree at Lake Crabtree County Park ~~**

**INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS and GROUPS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

Meet at 9:00 am at Boat Rental Complex to clean up one of Wake County's most popular lakes! Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Cleanup continues until 12 noon. To register, call 919-460-2723.

Directions: Lake Crabtree park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560. From I-40, take Exit 285 (Aviation Parkway). Go south towards Morrisville, away from airport. Proceed downhill less than 1/4 mile and turn left at the light into park. Once in park, take fourth right to go to Boat Rental Tower.

**RALEIGH**

**Durant Nature Park in North Raleigh, Perry Creek ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

Meet at the Park Office at 9:00 am to clean up one of Raleigh's most popular parks! Gloves, trash bags and data cards are provided. To volunteer, contact Zone Captain Amy Corbally at 919-870-2871 or [amy.corbally@raleighnc.gov](mailto:amy.corbally@raleighnc.gov)

Directions: Take US 1 north to Durant Road, turn left onto Durant Road. Go about a mile and turn left onto Camp Durant Road (North entrance). Proceed to parking lot (about a half mile). The Park Office is on the eastern end of the parking lot.

**Falls Lake at Blue Jay Point County Park in north Raleigh ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

Volunteers meet at 9:00 am for distribution of supplies. Cleanup begins at 9:00 am until 12 noon. All volunteers, age 8 and older, must pre-register by calling 919-870-4330 or emailing [bluejaypoint@wakegov.com](mailto:bluejaypoint@wakegov.com) and must bring a signed Big Sweep Volunteer form with them (see website). Blue Jay Park is on Falls Lake off Six Forks Road in north Raleigh. Directions will be sent to participants that register with the park.

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012 -- NC Big Sweep Day across the state**

**RALEIGH**

**Lake Johnson at Lake Johnson Park ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

Participate in the Fall Big Sweep beginning at 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Meet at the Boat House on 4601 Avent Ferry Road, Raleigh, NC 27606 for distribution of gloves, trash bags and data cards. For more information, please call 919-233-2121.

***Note Later Time:***

**Marsh Creek near intersection of Brentwood Road and Stoneybrook Drive ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Sleep in or catch your fave cartoons!**

Meet Zone Captain Parnell Bell of the Blue Phoenix Group on the bridge at 11 am. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Wear clothes & shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please dress for the weather. To pre-register, contact Parnell at (919) 878-5122.

Directions: From I-440 Beltline, take Capital Blvd./US 1 North exit. Travel north, away from downtown. Turn right onto Brentwood Road. See Post Office on right, then turn left onto Stoneybrook Drive. See new bridge over Marsh Creek and park here on side of road.

**Rocky Branch on NCSU Campus ~~**

**For NCSU students, faculty, staff, and families ONLY!** Led by Zone Captain Candis Shiflett.

**Richland Creek in western Raleigh ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am-12:00 Noon**

Join the Umstead Coalition in cleaning Richland Creek! Meet at the Loblolly Trail Head parking lot on E. Stephen Stroud Way (off Edwards Mill Road by Arena) in west Raleigh. Cleanup will be from 9:00 am-12 pm. Supplies & instructions will be provided.

Questions? Contact Zone Captain Jean Spooner at 919-602-0049. Visit web site for additional information: <http://umsteadcoalition.org/streamwatch.htm>

Directions: From Blue Ridge Road, turn onto Reedy Creek Road (across from Art Museum). Turn LEFT onto Edwards Mill Road at light. Go under I-40. Turn LEFT at Arena entrance (E. Stephen Stroud Way). 20-space parking lot is on LEFT just after you cross Richland Creek.

**WAKE COUNTY - NORTH**

**Falls Lake at Highway 50 Boat Ramp ~~**

**For Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron members ONLY!** Led by Zone Captain Charles Miller. RSPS members will clean the many coves on Falls Lake that are not accessible by foot.

**Falls Lake at Shinleaf Group Camping Area ~~**

**For Raleigh Cub Scout Pack #318 ONLY!** Cub Scouts and their families will clean the northeast shoreline of Falls Lake. Led by Zone Captain and Cub Scout Camping Chair Alan Knight.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012**

**This is a Sunday!**

**RALEIGH**

**Yates Mill Pond at Historic Yates Mill County Park ~~**

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am-11:00 am**

Adult volunteers are invited to join park staff in "sweeping up" trash from around the roads surrounding Historic Yates Mill County Park to protect the Swift Creek Watershed. Please arrive at 9:00 am and come prepared for the weather, wearing proper clothing and footwear. Since this is a roadside cleanup, adults only, please (over 18 years old). Gloves, trash bags, recycle bags, and data cards will be provided. To volunteer, please call 919-856-5638.

Directions: From I-40 Beltline, take Lake Wheeler Road exit #295. Travel south approximately 3.2 miles. See last chicken house on right at NCSU Research Farm. Park entrance on right at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road. (If you reach Penny Road intersection, you've gone too far!) From Ten-Ten Road, turn north on Lake Wheeler Road. Travel approximately 3.87 miles. Park entrance on the left at the top of the hill.

**WAKE COUNTY - SOUTH**

**Harris Lake at Harris Lake County Park in New Hill ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm**

Volunteers age 6 and older meet at 2:00 pm at the park office for distribution of supplies. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Wear appropriate clothing for shoreline cleanup – no open-toed shoes! To sign up to volunteer, call 919-387-4342 or email [harrislake@wakegov.com](mailto:harrislake@wakegov.com). Groups of more than 6 must provide at least 2 days notice for preparation. Small groups or individuals may call by Sunday morning.

Directions: Take Highway 1 South to Exit 89 - New Hill Road. Park is 3 miles on the right.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012**

**RALEIGH**

**Crabtree Creek at Lassiter Mill Park & Greenway ~~**

**For St. David's School students ONLY!** Led by Zone Captain and teacher Kelly White.

**Lake Wheeler at Lake Wheeler Park ~~**

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon**

Come clean up the shoreline and park grounds of Lake Wheeler! Check in at 9:00 am at the waterfront program center. Volunteers will clean up until 12 noon. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for cleanup (no open-toed shoes.) Questions? Please call the park office at 919-662-5704.

Directions: From Beltline I-40/440, take Lake Wheeler Road exit and drive south for 5 miles. Enter park on right-hand side at 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603.

**Pigeon House Branch in downtown Raleigh ~~**

**For Broughton High School students ONLY!** Led by Zone Captain and teacher Laura Woods.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012**

**RALEIGH**

**Upper Crabtree Creek in western Raleigh ~~**

**For Crabtree Creek Canoe and Kayak Club members ONLY!** Led by Zone Captain Art Ross.