

The Bureau of Reclamation Conservation Trail Exhibit at the Boy Scout Jamboree

Reclamation and the Boy Scouts of America – a Successful Partnership

Reclamation has participated in seven consecutive Jamborees at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. Reclamation supports each Jamboree with an exhibit on the Conservation Trail that educates, informs and engages thousands of Scouts, leaders and the general public daily.

We encourage the Boy Scout spirit of volunteerism and conservation. We benefit from it directly and thank the Scouts for their efforts to help us keep our waterways clean and safe.

Reclamation's Exhibit on the Conservation Trail

Our agency is known for providing water and power to the West, but we are pleased to share this year's exhibit that focuses on our newer activities surrounding conservation and river restoration. Please visit our exhibit and learn about our efforts to:

- protect endangered fish in the Colorado River through a hands-on activity that tracks fish species,
- restore salmon runs with a successful dam removal that restored salmon and steelhead to the Rogue River in Oregon,
- protect western waters from the spread of quagga and zebra mussels - Scouts can see and touch real mussels and learn how to stop the spread of these invasive creatures.

Scouts and leaders can also locate the Reclamation projects nearest their home to consider Eagle Scout service projects at our facilities.

When visitors complete their activity, they will get their Conservation Trail "passport" stamped, and receive a Reclamation flashlight with job and intern resources printed on the back.

Bureau of Reclamation Background

- Manages, develops, and protects water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.
- Is the nation's largest wholesale water supplier, operating 348 reservoirs with a total storage capacity of 245 million acre-feet (an acre-foot, 325,851 gallons of water, supplies enough water for a family of four for one year).
- Provides 1 out of 5 (or, 140,000) Western farmers with irrigation water for 10 million farmland acres that produce 60 percent of the nation's vegetables and one quarter of its fresh fruit and nut crops.
- Is the second largest producer of hydropower in the United States and operates 58 hydroelectric powerplants that annually produced, on average, 40 billion kilowatt-hours for the last 10 years.
- Delivers 10 trillion gallons of water to more than 31 million people each year.
- Operates in 17 Western states.

Bureau of Reclamation Location on the Conservation Trail

Next to the National Park Service exhibit and the Virginia State Department of Agriculture tent
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