

Celebrate World Environment Day at Lake Berryessa on June 2 with a Cleanup and Picnic



On Sunday, June 2, 2013, Lake Berryessa will host its third annual celebration of World Environment Day with a cleanup of the lakeshore followed by a delicious picnic lunch. The event begins at 9:30 a.m., with cleanup activities running from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Post-cleanup festivities will take place at Markley Cove Resort.

The event is sponsored by the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership with funding from Anheuser Busch/The River Network. The Bureau of Reclamation and Solano Resource Conservation District are organizing the cleanup, Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rental will haul the collected trash, and Markley Cove Resort will host the picnic.

The United Nations first started World Environment Day in 1972 to build global awareness of the environment, encourage political attention and support individual and community projects. Locally, World Environment Day is well-timed for the start of Lake Berryessa's season: volunteers pick up trash after the Memorial Day weekend, helping start the summer with Lake Berryessa in the best shape possible. The Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership's long-term goal is for participants to find less and less trash on the shoreline as awareness grows that the lake is a drinking water source for almost half a million people and that trash poses hazards to recreation, wildlife and habitat.

"This Cleanup is really fun, and it keeps building," says Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership Coordinator Marianne Butler of Solano RCD. "We had a wonderful, sunny day last year, and sixty volunteers and organizers scoured the shoreline, removing trash and recyclables." Butler reports that her volunteer group was made up of individual citizens and employees from Anheuser Busch, Genentech and Travis Air Force Base. Linda Frazer, the owner of Markley Cove Resort, adds, "This is a terrific event and a great opportunity for people to demonstrate their care and appreciation for Lake Berryessa's clean water."

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The organizers request that all participants wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots and bring work gloves if they can. Everyone who pre-registers by May 20 will get a free World Environment Day shirt and lunch. Butler urges service groups and other youth groups to contact her about participating. For more information about World Environment Day Lake Berryessa Cleanup and ways you or your organization can participate, please contact Marianne.Butler@SolanoRCD.org or 707.301.5778.

Active partners from the Lake Berryessa Watershed Partnership include Solano Resource Conservation District, Reclamation, Solano County Water Agency, Napa County, Solano County and its City Jurisdictions, Berryessa Trails, Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership & Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.