Help Spruce Up Lake Springfield Park April 14

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board invites service organizations, bird watchers and other groups and individuals to volunteer at the Lake Springfield Park Spruce-Up Day Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Springfield Park, 2312 E. Lake Springfield Park Road.

Volunteers will help widen and mulch trails, clear and plant flower beds, seed native wildflowers and bring limbs to a wood chipper operated by Parks. Due to the nature of the work, only children 12 and older may volunteer.

"My biggest project this year is to mulch and plant native grasses on a hillside near the park entrance," said David Riggs, Special Facilities Supervisor at Lake Springfield Park.

Water, lunch and all necessary tools will be provided. Volunteers are asked to wear work gloves, sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing suitable for outdoor work.

Riggs said the Spruce-Up Day is a great opportunity for church groups, fraternities and sororities, scouts and other groups to spend time outdoors while providing a service to the community. Volunteers should check in at the Lake Springfield Boathouse and Marina at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is requested by April 11, but registration can be done the morning of the event. In the event of inclement weather, this event may be rescheduled and parks staff will contact those who have pre-registered with details.

For more information or to register, call the Springfield-Greene County Park Board at 417-864-1051. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.

The event is presented by the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, Missouri Department of Conservation, Volunteers for Outdoor Missouri and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.