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Volunteer Spruce-Up Day at Lake Springfield Park

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 flowerbeds, seed native wildflowers, maintain native habitat and remove invasive trees. 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 and all necessary tools will be provided. Lunch is also provided by the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society. 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 may 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 TogetherGreen, a project of Toyota and the National Audubon Society, in partnership with the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board and Volunteers for Outdoor Missouri.