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Great Kaskaskia River Duck Race Changed to Duck Pluck

Carlyle Lake - The 20th Annual Great Kaskaskia River Duck Race returns to the Carlyle Lake West Spillway on Saturday, July 9, 2011 with a new format. Due to increased downstream releases from the Carlyle Lake Main Dam, this year's event has been changed to the "Great Kaskaskia River Duck Pluck". Thousands of ducks will be securely placed on land in a fenced area located in the West Spillway. A designated official will be blindfolded and randomly choose the winning ducks. The owner of the winning duck will be awarded \$5,000 and 19 additional prizes will be issued to the runners-up. The top four runner-up prizes include four St. Louis Cardinal Tickets, six month membership to Breese Ultimate Family Fitness, pontoon excursion from Carlyle Lake Rentals and a youth scholarship for two for five nights at the Carlyle Sailing Association Camp.

Ducks are available for adoption at a variety of locations, including the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center and local banks. Ducks can be adopted one at a time for \$5.00 each, but special "Quack Packs" are available in amounts of \$50, \$100 and \$200. "Quack Packs" come with an array of discounts and gift certificates to go with multiple duck entries in the pluck.

All proceeds from the Duck Pluck support the Healthcare Foundation, which provides educational programs, emergency services and medical supplies for individuals and families living in Clinton, Marion, Washington and Jefferson counties. Over a hundred individuals were helped last year, so even if your duck isn't one of the winners, your adoption dollars support a good cause.

A variety of other exciting activities will be going on all weekend. Join Park Rangers on Friday and Saturday evening for interpretive programs. These programs are free and fun for everyone.

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Friday, July 8:

7:30 p.m. Dam West Campground –Safety First

7:30 p.m. McNair Campground – Junior Ranger Challenge

7:30 p.m. Boulder Campground – Candle Making

Saturday, July 9:

9:30 a.m. Carlyle Rotary Club Fishing Derby (Ages 12 and under) – West Spillway

11:00 a.m. Children’s Games – West Spillway

11:30 a.m. Water Safety Activities – West Spillway

12:00 p.m. Duck Pluck – West Spillway

1:30 p.m. Results of the Duck Pluck announced on WJBD 100.1 FM and

www.wjbdradio.com

2:00 p.m. Water Safety Games – Dam West Day Use

2:00 p.m. Water Safety Games – Keyesport Day Use

7:30 p.m. Dam West Campground – Junior Ranger Challenge

7:30 p.m. McNair Campground – Candle Making

7:30 p.m. Boulder Campground – Safety First

Sunday, July 10:

10:00 a.m. Carlyle Lake Dam Tour – Starts at the East Spillway Steps

2:30 p.m. Water Safety Games - Dam West Day Use

2:30 p.m. Water Safety Games – Keyesport Day Use

While at Carlyle Lake, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center which is open daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Visitor Center has exhibits, an informational video on Carlyle Lake, a gift shop and brochures to help you plan your stay at Carlyle Lake. Also, if you do not own life jackets for your children, life jackets are available at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center through the “Life Jacket Loan Program”. For a \$5.00 deposit, a life jacket can be borrowed for the day. When the life jacket is returned in good condition, the deposit will be refunded.

For more information contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or e-mail us at carlylelake@usace.army.mil

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