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Fall Opportunities at Carlyle Lake

Carlyle Lake – Fall is a beautiful time for camping. Enjoy the cool fall temperatures with family and friends while roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over a crackling campfire. Carlyle Lake offers several campgrounds that stay open for fall camping. Dam West Campground and McNair will be open for camping through Tuesday November 1st. Boulder Campground will remain open until Sunday October 16th and Coles Creek Campground will remain open until Sunday October 2nd. Dam East Campground is open all year around. Keyesport, Dam West, McNair and Coles Creek beaches will close September 16th.

Plans are also underway for special Halloween themed activities at Dam West Campground on Saturday, October 29th. Campers are encouraged to decorate their site with a Halloween theme for a chance to win free camping. If you plan on decorating your campsite please make sure your site is family friendly. Park rangers will be judging sites starting at 8:15 p.m. and prizes will be awarded with five days of free camping for first place, three days of free camping for second place, and two days of free camping for third place. Sites will be judged for creativity.

The Annual Haunted Trail at Carlyle Lake will be Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Meet at the Carlyle McDonalds parking lot and take a ride down to the Little Prairie Nature trail where ghost and goblins hide. There is a five dollar admission fee and all proceeds will go to the 2012 fireworks spectacular. The Haunted Trail is supported by groups who volunteer their time to set up a spook spot along the Little Prairie Nature Trail and haunt the visitors walking along the trail. Prizes for the best spots will be awarded with a \$300 first place prize, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place. If you are interested in volunteering on the trail contact Peggy Hilmes at 618-594-4354. The Haunted Trail is sponsored by the Carlyle Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Carlyle Optimist Club, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake.

For more information on Carlyle Lake, contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or email at carlylelake@usace.army.mil.

