



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**®
St. Louis District

News Release

Release No. OD-J-08-18

Contact: Brad Stamp
Phone Number: 573-735-4097
Fax: 573-735-2750

For Release: **IMMEDIATE**

Date: February 29, 2008

20642 Highway J, Monroe City, Missouri 63456-9359 • marktwaininfo@usace.army.mil

Corps of Engineers Seeks Volunteers for Placement of Fish Structure

Mark Twain Lake, February 29, 2008-Many Christmas trees were collected for the fourth annual Christmas tree recycling program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now seeking volunteers to place the trees at several established sites in Mark Twain Lake. The John Spalding Boat Ramp is the starting point.

Residents of the Mark Twain Lake community willing to contribute their time and equipment to assist the Corps in placing the trees can meet at John Spalding boat ramp on March 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The trees will be bundled together and sunk in Mark Twain Lake, developing an underwater habitat. These structures provide excellent places for fish to rest. Creating this structure also encourages the growth of algae and zooplankton for young fish to feed upon, which in turn enhances growth. Of course the biggest advantage is they make excellent places to catch fish and all those volunteering will know where these honey holes will be.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or wanting more information should contact Brad Stamp at the Mark Twain Lake Project Office at (573) 735-4097.