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St. Louis Army Corps Assists Hurricane Evacuees With Offer of Free Camping

ST. LOUIS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District is offering free campsites at its five lake projects to Gulf Coast evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Limited campsites are anticipated during the Labor Day weekend, but the District anticipates more available campsites starting Tuesday, September 6. Campsites will be made available to evacuees on a first-come, first-serve basis. Meanwhile, the District will honor all campsite reservations already in place.

Though the District is making free campsites available, the agency does not have tents, sleeping bags or other camping equipment or supplies to provide. Evacuees will have to provide these items.

The Army Corps of Engineers provides disaster response assistance to the nation, working in concert with 30 federal departments. Corps response typically includes working for the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide engineering, logistics, and reconstruction support. The agency assists in providing water, ice, roofing, debris removal and other services

Additional information about free camping is available by calling the lake's project offices:

Illinois:

Carlyle Lake	618-594-2484
Lake Shelbyville	217-774-3951
Rend Lake	618-724-2493

Missouri:

Mark Twain Lake	573-735-4097
Wappapello Lake	573-222-8562