



WAKE COUNTY BIG SWEEP

PRELIMINARY 2018 Fall Schedule

~ List of Watershed Cleanups ~

Dear Big Sweep Volunteers,

Select a litter cleanup from this preliminary list of sites across Wake County! We'll be adding more cleanups every week! Read site description carefully for requirements regarding minimum age of volunteers and whether adults must accompany children.

Contact Big Sweep Zone Captain or park office directly to pre-register and to make sure the site is appropriate for your group. All volunteers must sign 1-2 liability waivers to participate. Dress for the weather and put safety first! Big Sweep cleanups may be cancelled and/or re-scheduled due to severe weather.

THANK YOU for your volunteer spirit and willingness to keep our environment litter-free!

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

International Coastal Cleanup!

RALEIGH

Lake Johnson at Lake Johnson Park ~~

Craft Happiness CLEANUP PROJECT!

100 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Volunteers must pre-register online at: <https://crafthappinescleanup.eventbrite.com>

8:30-9:30am = Check-in and sign waivers

10:00am-12:00noon = Litter Cleanup

Volunteer Appreciation Party after cleanup!

Raleigh Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department in partnership with Foothills Brewing of Winston-Salem, Mims Distributing, Wake Soil and Water Conservation District, and Wake County Big Sweep invite you to participate in the **2018 Craft Happiness Cleanup Project** at Lake Johnson Park on Saturday, Sept. 15th, 2018 from 9am-12 noon.

Do not park at Lake Johnson Park! Instead, volunteers will park and check-in at the Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center. Between 8:30-9:30am, volunteers will park, sign two liability waivers, and receive supplies such as gloves, trash bags, recycle bags, and Big Sweep data cards.

Volunteers will then walk ¼ mile to Lake Johnson Park where cleanup begins at 10:00am and continues until 12:00 noon. Volunteers can choose to clean on water or on foot. Kayaks and canoes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Adults must accompany children age 16 and under.**

Wear pants and boots (no open toe shoes.) Water bottles, hats, and bug spray are suggested. Volunteer Appreciation Party invites volunteers to enjoy lunch, Foothills beverages, live music and raffle prizes sponsored by Foothills Brewing of Winston-Salem, NC.

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SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

GARNER

Lake Benson and White Deer Parks and Downtown Garner ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00am-10:30am Breakfast provided for all volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the streets of Garner as well as White Deer and Lake Benson Parks. All volunteers must pre-register online at:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/garnerprcr/Activity_Search/2147

Or email Garner Parks Manager and Zone Captain Katie Lockhart at klockhart@garnernc.gov. On-site check-in begins at 8:30am at the Holly Shelter the day of the event. Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water and sun protection. Breakfast and all clean-up equipment will be provided.

Directions: White Deer Park is located at 2400 Aversboro Road, Garner, NC 27529.

RALEIGH

Walnut Creek Wetland in southeast Raleigh ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon

Raleigh Parks & Recreation, Partners for Environmental Justice, and Wake County Big Sweep invite you to help in maintaining this one of a kind wetland. Meet at the Walnut Creek Wetland Center located at 950 Peterson Street, Raleigh, NC 27610. Please wear work clothes, pants and boots (no open-toed shoes) and bring a water bottle. **Volunteers must pre-register! Contact Zone Captain Frances Carmichael at 919-996-2760 or WC.WetlandCenter@raleighnc.gov**

Directions: From Martin Luther King Blvd., take South State Street to Peterson Street. Turn right onto Peterson. Walnut Creek Wetland Center is on the corner of Peterson and State Streets.

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 6, 2018

CARY

Town of Cary (multiple sites across town) ~~

(Neuse: Walnut, Crabtree, Swift and Middle Creeks; Cape Fear: Lower & Upper New Hope Creeks)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Please join us! Volunteers are needed for the Town of Cary's Fall Litter Sweep on Sat., Oct. 6th. Join us at one of our organized sweep sites or we can help you organize a project in a location of your choice. All supplies and materials are provided, including trash pickup service at the completion of the project. **To register, all volunteers must EMAIL Zone Captain Sarah Justice at sarah.justice@townofcary.org**. RSVP with your selected sweep location or propose one of your own. Volunteers 15 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 6, 2018 continued...

MORRISVILLE

Lake Crabtree County Park in Morrisville ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9am-12pm

Lake Crabtree County Park, 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560

Help clean up Lake Crabtree's shoreline and other areas around the park. Individuals, families, and groups can register to participate in this event. **Ages 5 and up. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.** Gloves and bags will be provided.

Participants must bring a completed *Wake County Volunteer Waiver Form* to the event:

http://www.wakegov.com/parks/lakecrabtree/Documents/Volunteer_Release_Form_.pdf

Long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes are required. Drinking water, sunscreen, and a hat are recommended. Check-in will be at the Boat Rental Tower (fourth right turn in the park). All participants must bring their completed forms to check-in, and will be given driving or walking directions to their assigned clean-up area.

RALEIGH

Falls Lake at Blue Jay Point County Park in north Raleigh ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9am-12pm

Blue Jay Point County Park, 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27614

Blue Jay Big Sweep is a volunteer event focused on cleaning up Blue Jay's shoreline. Volunteers **MUST register in advance** for this 9 am-12 noon Lakeside Trash Pick-Up.

Volunteers report to the Blue Jay Center, where they will receive supplies, data cards, information and maps to shoreline locations for litter removal. Big Sweep at Blue Jay is **appropriate for ages 8 and up** – families, groups or individuals; however, it is composed of litter removal on rocky shorelines in what may be hot and/or humid conditions.

Volunteers under the age of 16 must be part of an organized group with a participating adult supervisor or be accompanied by a guardian. Age and health should be considered when volunteering for this event. For more information, or **to register a group**, please contact Blue Jay Center for Environmental Education at 919-870-4330 or email bluejaypoint@wakegov.com.

To register a family or individual, please use the link

https://apm.activecommunities.com/wakeparks/Activity_Search/2244

Important Note:

ALL Big Sweep volunteers must sign a Volunteer Service Agreement and Release Form found here: http://www.wakegov.com/parks/bluejay/Documents/Volunteer_Release_Form.pdf

Forms will be available on-site, but all unaccompanied minors must bring one signed by a parent or guardian.

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 6, 2018 continued...

RALEIGH

Lake Wheeler at Lake Wheeler Park ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Come clean up the shoreline and park grounds of Lake Wheeler! Check in at 9:00 am at the waterfront program center. Volunteers will clean up until 12 noon. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for cleanup (no open-toed shoes.)

Volunteers under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is limited! Pre-register on the Raleigh Parks volunteer web site:

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Programs/Volunteer/VolunteerProgram.html>

Questions? Please call the park office at 919-662-5704.

Directions: From Beltline I-40/440, take Lake Wheeler Road exit and drive south for 5 miles. Enter park on right-hand side at 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603.

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 7, 2018

RALEIGH

Durant Nature Preserve in North Raleigh ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 1:00 pm to 4:00pm

Help keep Durant Nature Preserve clean by coming out to our Big Sweep! This litter cleanup is open to all ages as long as an adult is present and helping out as well. All volunteers must sign a waiver and minors must have a waiver signed by an accompanying adult. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Check in will be at 1pm at our park office located at 8305 Camp Durant Road. Please wear close-toed shoes and appropriate clothing.

Pre-registration is recommended. Volunteers can register online using **class barcode #227710** at parks.raleighnc.gov, keyword search “**RecLink**”. Questions? Contact Assistant Park Manager and Big Sweep Zone Captain Jason Kiser at 919-870-2871.

Directions: Durant Nature Preserve is located in North Raleigh. From downtown Raleigh, take Capital Blvd/US 1 North. Just past the 540-interchange, turn left at the light onto Durant Road. After 0.5 miles, turn left onto Camp Durant Road. Follow Camp Durant Road until it dead ends into the preserve.

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 13, 2018

RALEIGH

Shelley Lake ~~

For Daniels Magnet Middle School students, teachers, and families ONLY! Led by Zone Captain and science teacher Richard Kowaleski.

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DATE TO BE DETERMINED

RALEIGH

Upper Crabtree Creek in western Raleigh ~~

For Crabtree Creek Canoe and Kayak Club members ONLY! Led by Zone Captain Art Ross in partnership with Jim Hilton of Hanson Aggregates – Crabtree Quarry.

Pigeon House Branch ~~

For Broughton High School students, teachers, and families ONLY! Led by veteran Zone Captain and science teacher Laura Woods.

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 2, 2018

RALEIGH

Durant Nature Preserve in North Raleigh ~~

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Pre-registration is recommended. Volunteers can register online at the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Volunteer Services website:

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Programs/Volunteer/VolunteerProgram.html>

Questions? Contact Assistant Park Manager and Big Sweep Zone Captain Jason Kiser at 919-870-2871.

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**Thank You
for volunteering for
Wake County Big Sweep!**

Our Volunteers, Zone Captains
and Partners
Make All the Difference!

For more information on Wake County Big Sweep,
call 919-250-1065 or email sbjones@wakegov.com

DEADLIEST OCEAN TRASH

TO:



1 Fishing gear



2 Plastic bags & utensils

3 Balloons



4 Cigarette butts



5 Bottle caps



Ocean Conservancy

Top 10 Items Collected



1. CIGARETTE BUTTS

2,127,565



2. PLASTIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES

1,024,470



3. FOOD WRAPPERS

888,589



4. PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS

861,340



5. STRAWS, STIRRERS

439,571



6. OTHER PLASTIC BAGS

424,934



7. GLASS BEVERAGE BOTTLES

402,375



8. PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

402,122



9. METAL BOTTLE CAPS

381,669



10. PLASTIC LIDS

351,585