



WAKE COUNTY BIG SWEEP

Preliminary 2019 Spring Schedule

~ List of Watershed Cleanups ~

Dear Volunteers,

Here's our preliminary 2019 Spring Schedule for litter cleanups across Wake County! Check our website often or get on our email list to receive schedule updates. To volunteer, select a site marked "Volunteers Welcome!" Be sure to read the 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 a Big Sweep liability waiver to participate. Dress for the weather & put safety first! Big Sweep cleanups may be cancelled and/or re-scheduled due to severe weather. THANK YOU for keeping our waters clean!

SATURDAY – MARCH 16, 2019

RALEIGH

Shelley Lake ~~

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

SATURDAY – MARCH 30, 2019

RALEIGH

Swift Creek 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 11:00am. 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. Afterwards, you can enjoy lots of Swift Creek Week activities! 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.

SATURDAY – APRIL 6, 2019

CARY

Town of Cary ~~

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

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Numerous time slots & cleanup sites across town!

Please join us! Volunteers are needed for the Town of Cary's Spring Litter Sweep on Sat., April 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. **MORE →**



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SATURDAY – APRIL 6, 2019 continued...

MORRISVILLE

Lake Crabtree at Lake Crabtree County Park ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon PRIZE RAFFLE!

This event is for ages 5 and up and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Groups with minors must complete waivers prior to the event.

Meet at 9:00 am at Boat Rental Tower to clean up the shore of Lake Crabtree and its connecting creeks. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Cleanup continues until 12 noon.

Pre-registration is required. Register at the following web site:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/wakeparks/Activity_Search/3709

If new to online registration system, click "Create an Account" in upper right-hand corner to get started. Questions? Contact Zone Captain Carol Cunningham at 919-460-3355.

Directions: Lake Crabtree Park is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560. From I-40, take Exit 285 (Aviation Parkway). Go south towards Morrisville, away from airport. Proceed downhill less than 1/4 mile and turn left at the light into park. Once in park, take fourth right to go to Boat Rental Tower.

RALEIGH

Marsh Creek near intersection of Brentwood Road and Stoneybrook Drive ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Sleep in or catch your fave cartoons!

Meet Zone Captain Parnell Bell of the Blue Phoenix Group on the bridge at 11 am. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Wear clothes & shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please dress for the weather. **To pre-register, contact Parnell at 919-878-5122.**

Directions: From I-440 Beltline, take Capital Blvd./US 1 North exit. Travel north, away from downtown. Turn right onto Brentwood Road. See Post Office on right, then turn left onto Stoneybrook Drive. See new bridge over Marsh Creek and park here on side of road.

SATURDAY – APRIL 13, 2019

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 Park 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.

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TUESDAY – APRIL 23, 2019

RALEIGH

Bulldog Creek (now a named un-named trib to Hare Snipe Creek) ~~

For York Elementary's York CreekKeepers ONLY! Led by Zone Co-Captains and 2nd grade Teachers Suzy Greene and Janna Houston.

SATURDAY – APRIL 27, 2019

RALEIGH

Upper Crabtree Creek in western Raleigh ~~

For Crabtree Creek Canoe and Kayak Club members ONLY! Led by Zone Captain Art Ross and Big Sweep Partner James Hilton of Hanson Aggregates Crabtree Quarry.

SATURDAY – MAY 4, 2019

National Star Wars Day!

FUQUAY-VARINA

South Park Greenway ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon
Win a prize if you wear something Star Wars themed!

Looking for something to do on National Star Wars Day? If you are also concerned about the quality of local water and want to make your community a healthier, more beautiful place, then this is your chance. Through Wake County Big Sweep, you are invited to help clean up our streams, wetlands, ponds, and lakes.

Meet at 8:30 am at the South Lake Subdivision Amenity Center. Gloves, trash bags and other supplies will be provided. Volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy shoes or boots.

Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

This Big Sweep is sponsored by the Town of Fuquay-Varina Engineering and Parks & Recreation Departments. **Volunteers must preregister by contacting Zone Captain Jennifer Mitchell at jmitchell@fuquay-varina.org.** A weather make-up day is scheduled for May 11, 2019.
May the 4th be with you!

Directions: South Lakes Subdivision Amenity Center is located at 3042 Jones Lake Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

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SATURDAY – MAY 11, 2019

RALEIGH

Crabtree Creek at Lassiter Mill Park ~~

For St. David's School students, parents, faculty and staff ONLY! Led by Zone Captain and Science Teacher Molly Bostic.

Lake Johnson at Lake Johnson Park ~~

Craft Happiness CLEANUP PROJECT!
110 VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Volunteers must pre-register online beginning April 1st
(volunteers on our email list will receive the registration link.)

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 Company, Wake Soil and Water Conservation District, and Wake County Big Sweep invite you to participate in the **2019 Craft Happiness Cleanup Project** at Lake Johnson Park on Saturday, May 11, 2019 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. **Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older in each boat.**

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. Thank you Foothills Brewing!



Thank You
for volunteering with
Wake County Big Sweep!

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

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



WAKE COUNTY BIG SWEEP

News Flash!

**Mims Distributing Company
Delivers Happiness to Big Sweep Volunteers!**

Mims Distributing Company wins 2018 Big Sweep Partnership Award!



Brand Development Manager **Jennifer Balik** receives the **2018 Big Sweep Partnership Award on behalf of Mims Distributing Company** from Wake District Supervisor David Adams. Mims Distributing was recognized for going the extra mile in working with multiple partners to extend the best in southern hospitality to volunteers at special cleanups at Lake Wheeler and Lake Johnson Parks. Kudos and cheers to Mims Distributing for making our hardworking Big Sweep volunteers feel most appreciated!

After a cleanup, most Big Sweep volunteers are dirty, tired, thirsty and hungry!! Lucky for volunteers at Lake Johnson Park in Raleigh, Mims Distributing Company loves to put on a hearty party! As a leading expert in and distributor of “all things beer & wine,” Mims lives its motto “We deliver happiness” by giving back to their community, especially to organizations that strive to protect the environment and improve public health.

Mims Brand Development Manager Jennifer Balik works closely with event sponsor **Foothills Brewing of Winston-Salem** and **Lake Johnson Park Manager and Zone Captain Mark Elmore** to organize all the logistics for the special Big Sweep called “Craft Happiness Cleanup.” Jennifer is the dynamo organizer behind the scenes that rents park facilities, orders lunch and cold beverages, books local musicians, and prepares swag bags and t-shirts for all participating volunteers. At the end of the celebration, Jennifer raffles off a slew of door prizes to the happy crowd. Everyone leaves feeling truly appreciated as a volunteer and encouraged to continue their service to clean water and their community.

In the past five years, Jennifer and Mims have hosted and rolled out the red carpet at five (5) Volunteer Appreciation Parties – 4 with Leinenkugel’s and one with Foothills Brewing of Winston-Salem. This past fall, Hurricanes Florence and Michael cancelled plans for a 6th Craft Happiness Cleanup at Lake Johnson. But no worry! The volunteer appreciation party has been re-scheduled for Sat., May 11th at Lake Johnson Park. Online registration will open on April 1st and 110 volunteers are invited to enjoy Mims’ and Foothill Brewing’s generous and warm hospitality after a morning of hard work.

For walking their talk and delivering happiness to Big Sweep volunteers at Lake Johnson Park, Jennifer Balik and Mims Distributing Company were presented the “2018 Big Sweep Partnership Award” by the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District’s Board of Supervisors for exceptional volunteer appreciation and stellar support of Wake County Big Sweep.

CHEERS & CONGRATULATIONS!

THINK ALL VOLUNTEERS DESERVE A PARTY?

**Adopt a Wake County Big Sweep site
and provide the hardworking Zone
Captain and volunteers with water
and refreshments!**

**Sponsorship at any level is
welcome and appreciated!**

**Contact Wake County Big Sweep at
sbjones@wakegov.com**