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Lake Shelbyville Fish Habitat Improvement Day

Lake Shelbyville - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will place donated Christmas trees and artificial porcupine structures into Lake Shelbyville to enhance the fisheries for years to come on March 18, 2017. Volunteers with boats are needed to help place trees in the lake at designated locations. Volunteers on shore are also needed to help build the porcupine structures and bundle and place the trees and porcupine balls in the boats. To volunteer, meet at the Forrest W. "Bo" Wood Recreation Area boat ramp parking lot at 8:30 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. if you plan on bringing a boat. Volunteers are required to sign in prior to starting work at 9:00 a.m. A free lunch will be provided at the United Methodist Church in Sullivan after the work is completed. All participants on fish habitat day will receive aerial maps with coordinates detailing where the structure was placed for later fishing reference. Maps will not be supplied to the general public, so if you would like one, we'll see you on fish habitat improvement day! The Corps of Engineers greatly appreciates the support of the surrounding communities for their support of this project. A special thanks goes to Phillip's 66 south of Sullivan and Hook It Baits for providing collection sites for the Christmas trees, Woare's of Decatur for the bricks to weigh down the porcupine structures, Sullivan United Methodist Church for providing the location for lunch and International Paper for supplying paper tubes that help form tree anchors.

For more information on this fish habitat project, or if you are interested in bringing a boat to use please contact Natural Resources Specialist Cory Donnel at (217) 774-3951, ext. 7001 or IDNR Fisheries Biologist Mike Mounce at (217) 345-2420.

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