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***Lake Thunderbird Focus  
Of Volunteer Clean-up Effort***

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Volunteers will once again comb the shores of Norman's Lake Thunderbird on Saturday, April 2 as part of Lake Sweep, an annual volunteer-driven beautification effort targeting state lakes of particular recreational importance. Local citizens are encouraged to attend the weekend event, which will begin at 9 a.m.

Each year, hundreds of volunteers respond to Lake Sweep's appeal for beautification in the metropolitan Oklahoma City area. The effort fosters citizen pride and public awareness while accentuating the recreational and related benefits of Oklahoma's reservoirs and municipal lakes. The effort is a component of Oklahoma Water Watch, a volunteer water monitoring and educational program that encourages citizens of all ages to protect and maintain the quality of local rivers and lakes throughout Oklahoma. Water Watch is directed by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Thunderbird Lake Sweep volunteers will be split into two groups. One group will meet at Lake Thunderbird Dam while the other will gather at the lake's Boat House. All Lake Sweep participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves, a trash pick-up stick, insect repellent, and sunscreen. OWRB staff and other coordinators of the event will provide trash bags, lake maps, water and lunch.

Children are encouraged to participate, but only with suitable adult supervision. Rain or other inclement weather is not expected to impact the event. Lake Sweep will conclude at noon with presentation of awards and prizes for volunteers collecting the most unique and 'exceptional' articles of trash.

To volunteer for Thunderbird Lake Sweep or for more information, contact Karina Rivas-Careaga, OWRB Water Quality Specialist, at 405-530-8800.