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Keystone Lake Clean-up Scheduled

Mannford--- On Saturday May 1 there will be an Oklahoma Lake Sweep clean-up event at Lake Keystone. Lake Sweep events are being held at various state lakes as part of the ongoing Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Campaign. The event will start at 9 a.m. and end at 12 p.m. at the Keystone State Park Pier 51 Marina.

The primary goal of the effort is to clear the lake's shore of debris. However, the work of volunteers will also increase Keystone's recreational value as well as ensure improved public safety. Lake Sweep volunteers will be asked to concentrate on picking up litter and other refuse around the lake, especially in the recreational areas. In addition to the clean up and fun, Bass Pro Shops and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board will offer door prizes to participants.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves, a trash pick-up stick, insect repellent, sunscreen, and bottled water. Tracker Marine, Saralee Bakery Group, and Great Plains Coca-Cola will provide a hot dog lunch. Other sponsors of Oklahoma Lake Sweep include the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association, Keystone State Park, Bass Pro Shops and Office of the Secretary of the Environment.

Carie Howard, teacher at Keystone School, is partnering with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to promote the event. Mrs. Howard will be taking students to Australia this summer through the People to People Student Ambassador program. By helping to coordinate this event the students will fulfill the community service project requirement of the program.

Mrs. Howard felt that a Keystone Lake Sweep was an excellent project because many of the students live in the areas surrounding the lake and many enjoy the lake's recreational benefits. She hopes this activity will boost unity within the group and provide students with a way to "give back" to the community.

Lake Sweeps are an important part of keeping Oklahoma beautiful. These events can foster pride and public awareness and further remind citizens of the many recreational and related benefits of Oklahoma's reservoirs and municipal lakes. In order to insure these many uses, we must all do our part to keep the water clean.

For more information or to volunteer for Oklahoma Lake Sweep, contact Hannah Harder at 405-530-8800.

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