

# Lake's 50th anniversary schedule announced

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The schedule for Green River Lake's 50th anniversary has officially been set.

There will be activities and events — new and old — spanning throughout the year to mark the lake's 50th year in existence, according to Lori Bell, president of the Friends of Green River Lake group.

While planning for celebrating this milestone has been going on since the end of last year, Bell said that the process has "ramped up" since a meeting on March 7.

She added that the planning has been a joint effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Friends of Green River Lake and Campbellsville/Taylor County Trail Town, as well as a dedicated group of community members.

"Everyone has really come together and helped this come together in a relatively short amount of time," Bell said. "I'm really impressed how people are stepping up. I think just being able to step back and oversee everything, people are really taking responsibility for what they're in charge of."

On May 11, the 9th Annual "I'm a Dam Runner" 5K will serve as the unofficial "kick-off" event for the year-long celebration.

Pre-registration for the 5K is Monday, April 29, which guarantees runners a T-shirt. Those interested can find a registration form on the "Friends of Green River Lake" Facebook page.

Even though the 5K is a yearly event, Bell said it would serve as a crucial event to help spread awareness for the rest of the year's anniversary events.

"Almost all of the events we do go to supporting the lake and things around the lake," Bell said, "but this year, we're wanting to make sure everybody knows that this whole year we're celebrating the lake's 50th anniversary."

The first three Saturdays in June will be a busy time for the celebration. On June 1, there will be the annual Kids Outdoor Day, which is comprised of free outdoor-related activities for children of all ages. The event is held at the Green River Lake State Park and is put on by the Friends of Green River Lake.

One week later, on June 8, will be a brand-new event: Dinner on the Dam.

Tickets for this event are \$75 per person, and space is limited. Tickets will go on sale online soon, but until then, Donna Gaddis from Campbellsville/Taylor County Trail Town will be taking reservations for tickets. Gaddis can be contacted at 270-789-7534.

The guest speaker will be Dave Shuffett, former host/producer of "Kentucky Life" on KET. Musical entertainment will also be present.

"Depending on how it goes, this might become another annual event," Bell said.

Then, the 50th anniversary celebration's main event will take place on June 15 from



10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center Area (located at 544 Lake Road).

Activities will include music and entertainment, product, craft and food vendors, educational booths, wildlife interaction, historical re-enactments and a kid's zone, among other activities. Parking and admission will be free and is open to the public.

Bell said her primary objective is to help spread the word that "we're looking to involve as many different members of the com-

munity as possible."

"We want everybody to feel like they have a way to participate," she said of this event. "We need volunteers for a lot of different things, so there are a lot of different ways for people to get involved."

The annual Kids Fishing Derby will take place Aug. 17. This event allows children of all ages to and fish for free on the lake. All of the equipment is supplied, and no pre-registration is necessary. The event is held at the Green River Lake State Park shoreline near the picnic shelter.

Sept. 21 will be the annual Lakeshore Cleanup. This is an opportunity for people to help clean the shoreline at the lake. All equipment is provided, and all ages are welcome. More information will become available as the

date gets closer.

On Oct. 5, Fishing with a Veteran will launch from the Holmes Bend Boat Ramp on Green River Lake. The annual event is a way to give back to local veterans and "thank them for their service" by taking them fishing.

The 50th anniversary will also have its stamp on the lake's annual Halloween celebration, almost literally. The design of the popular corn maze will be in the shape of the 50th anniversary logo. The park's Halloween festivities run from Sept. 28-Oct. 31.

For additional information, check out the Facebook pages "Friends of Green River Lake" or "Green River Lake-Visit Campbells-ville KY." Or contact Bell via email at the-peacefulblueturtle@gmail.com.

## Turkey



Photo submitted

Cade Matney, age 13, killed his first turkey on opening morning of youth turkey season, April 6, in Green County.

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