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## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR RANCOCAS STATE PARK CLEANUP**

**Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. – 1 pm**

Residents will have an opportunity to help make one of Burlington County's parks look its best on Saturday, April 17 when volunteers gather at Rancocas State Park in Hainesport for a cleanup from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cleanup, co-sponsored by Burlington County Clean Communities and Drexel University at Burlington County College, offers volunteers a chance to have fun while helping to take care of the 700-acre park on Rancocas Avenue (off Marne Highway, Route 537). This event has been designated as a 2010 "Earth Day Project Site" for Drexel students, staff, and alumni.

Volunteers should register in advance by calling (609) 499-1001 x266 or emailing [cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us).

In 2008, over 100 volunteers helped park staff remove 5.5 tons of debris from Rancocas State Park. Construction debris and litter from visitors have accumulated since that time, and need to be removed.

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Volunteers should wear long sleeves, pants and sturdy footwear that may get muddy, and bring along their own snacks and drinking water. In event of severe weather, the cleanup will be canceled. Bags and gloves will be provided. There are no restroom facilities on site, but are available at nearby Long Bridge Park. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Rancocas Park cleanup is one of two scheduled for the month of April. The second will take place 9 a.m. on April 24, 2010 at Smithville Park in Eastampton.

“We’re very appreciative of County residents who step up, and give of their personal time and energy, to make the parks look their very best,” said Freeholder Director Bruce D. Garganio. “It stands to reason that many hands make for quick work.”

Some 77 volunteers showed up on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Long Bridge Park, in Hainesport, and helped remove over 8,000 lbs. of debris, including 37 tires, hundreds of plastic and glass bottles, chunks of Styrofoam, numerous lighters, combs, and balls.

The volunteers, ranging in age from 9 to 78, included residents from all around the county, as well as members of the Burlington County Chapter of the Ruff Ryders Motorcycle Club, and Cub Scout Pac 22 - Den 1, Lumberton, assisted by County Park Rangers and maintenance staff.

Encompassing 115 acres, Long Bridge Park, in Hainesport, is a forested sanctuary along the Rancocas Creek. With upland and lowland forests, a freshwater pond and wetlands, tidal marshland, creek shoreline, and meadows, visitors can enjoy hiking, biking, fishing and picnicking in a rustic natural setting along the Rancocas Creek.

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Norman Entzien of Mount Holly (foreground), along with other volunteers, collects litter along the banks of the Rancocas Creek in Long Bridge Park, Hainesport.



Dan Behrens, of Mount Holly, surveys the debris collected at the March 27th cleanup of Long Bridge Park in Hainesport.

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