

GREERS FERRY LAKE

Water Safety Program

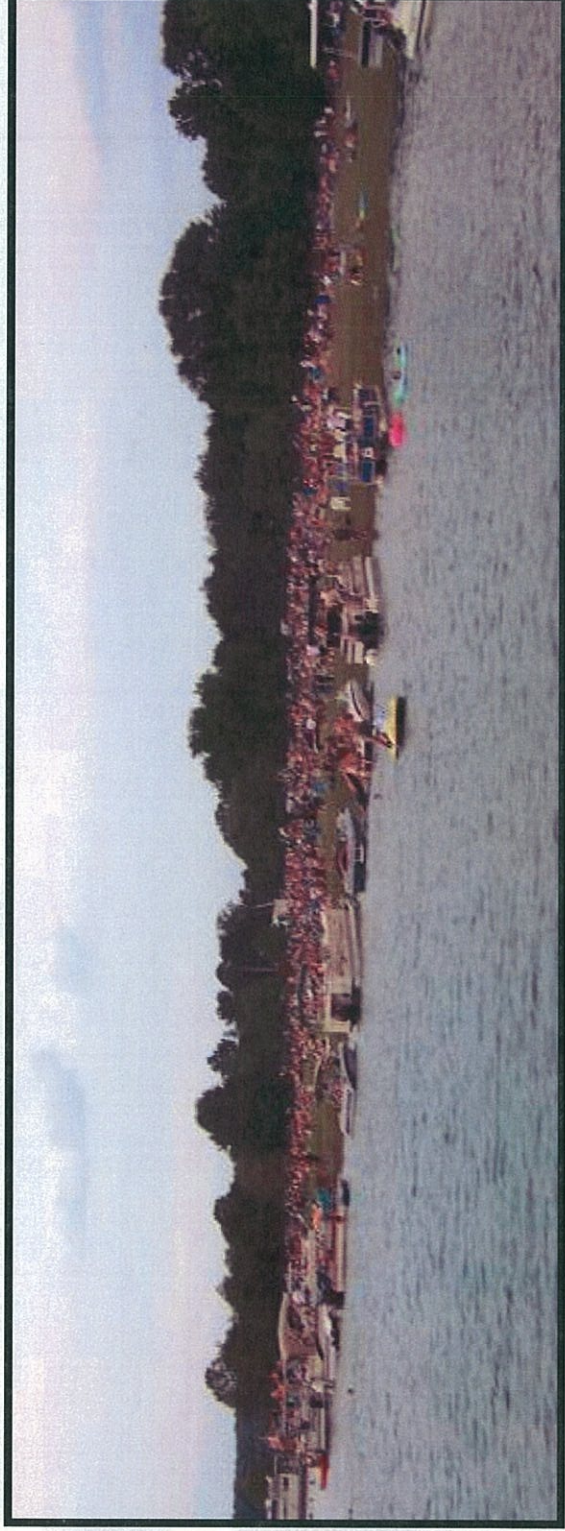
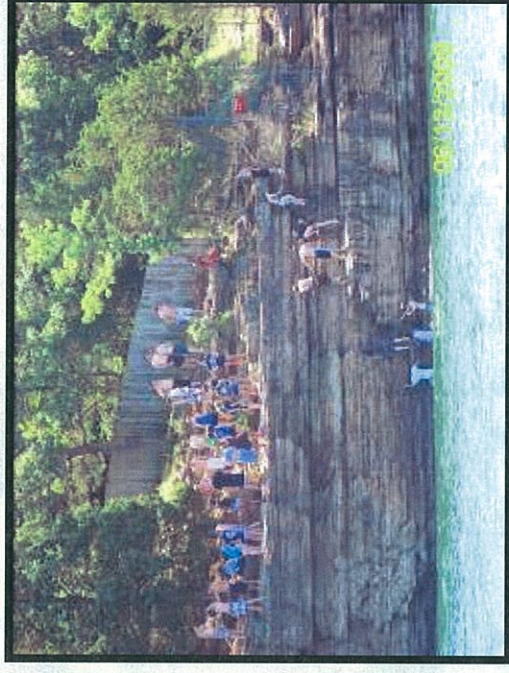


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Greers Ferry Lake

Greers Ferry Lake offers a multitude of recreational opportunities to more than 6.8 million visitors annually with a fee collection total of over \$1.2 million making Greers Ferry Project among the highest in the nation in use fee collections. The Corps oversees 14 recreation areas with over 1200 campsites.



Greers Ferry Lake Project Office Water Safety Plan

Vision: To be the leader in water safety education and innovation in the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Mission: To effectively reduce water related injuries and deaths by using proactive regional approaches and energizing innovative ideas to educate the public on the importance of water safety.

Goals:

- A. Make as many one-on-one contacts with recreational users as possible.
- B. Educate boaters on the responsibilities of safely operating vessels.
- C. Foster and maintain partnerships with other organizations.
- D. Maintain the positive image of a USACE Park Ranger.
- E. Support the mission and goals of the SWL/SWD/USACE Water Safety Team.



4th Grade Outreach



We conduct an extensive water safety school outreach campaign each year in area schools. Target 4th graders (age identified in National Water Safety Congress research as being most receptive to message).

- In 2012 we were able to meet with 270 students.



4th Grade Outreach Elementary Schools

Clinton

Shirley

Concord

Westside

Bee Branch

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Heber Springs

Heber
Springs

Quitman

Rosebud

Westside &
Eastside -
Greenbrier

Guy

Pangburn

Floral

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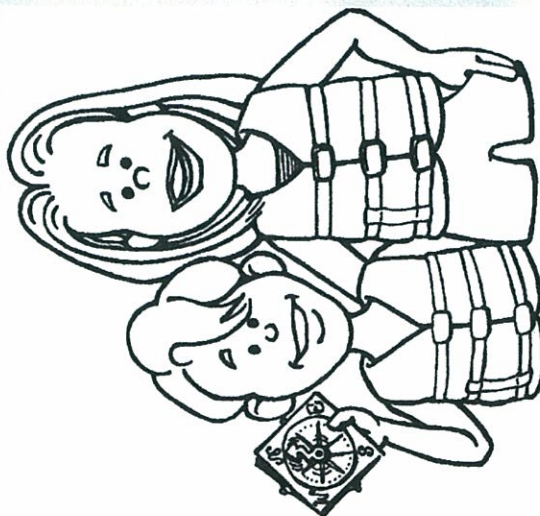
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Safe Passage Water Safety Education Program U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



This program contains lesson plans, reproducible activity sheets, and interactive exercises in water safety, hydropower, and conservation.

 Topher's Rules for Safe Swimming 1. Learn to swim. 2. Always swim with a buddy. 3. Swim in a designated area and make sure an adult watches you. 4. Wear a life jacket if you can't swim or if you are just learning to swim. 5. An air mattress or swim ring does not take the place of a life jacket. 6. Don't swim in cold water. 7. Never dive or jump into unknown waters. 8. No drugs or alcohol. 9. Obey all "No Swimming" and other warning signs. 10. Never swim in a canal.	 Scully's Tips for Boating Safety 1. Know your boat – each boat has its own purpose. Make sure you use your boat correctly. 2. Always wear a life jacket while riding on a boat. 3. Make sure a responsible adult is operating the boat. 4. Don't go in the boat if the operator has been drinking alcohol. 5. Ride a PWC only with an experienced adult driver. 6. Don't stand in a small boat. 7. Don't sit on the gunwale or bow of a moving boat. 8. Know your state's laws governing boating and fishing.
Wanda's Rules Around Dams, Rivers, and Canals 1. Never boat just above or just below a dam. Don't go past buoys, signs, ropes or lights that warn of a dam. Don't boat or paddle near a low level dam. 2. Stay away from canals – currents and undertows hide beneath the surface. 3. Remember that rivers can have strong currents and hidden dangers beneath the surface. Some rivers have waterfalls where the water drops hundreds of feet. 4. Watch out for rapids or whitewater. 5. Watch out for fallen trees and broken limbs in a river. 6. Remember that cold water can cause hypothermia. 	Sam's Guidelines for Water Rescue 1. REACH: Hold on to the dock or your boat and reach your hand, a boat oar, a fishing pole, or whatever you have nearby to the person in the water. 2. THROW: If you can't reach far enough, toss things that float for the person to grab. 3. ROW: If you're in a boat, use the oars to move the boat closer to the person in the water, or call out to a nearby boat for help. Don't use the boat's motor close to a person in the water, the propeller could injure them. 4. DON'T GO: Don't go into the water unless you are trained. Yell for help. 5. Practice a rescue. Learn first aid for hypothermia and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). 

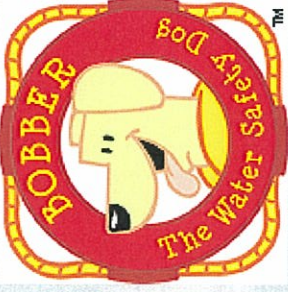


Bobber the Water Safety Dog.

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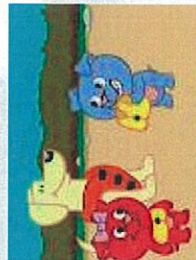
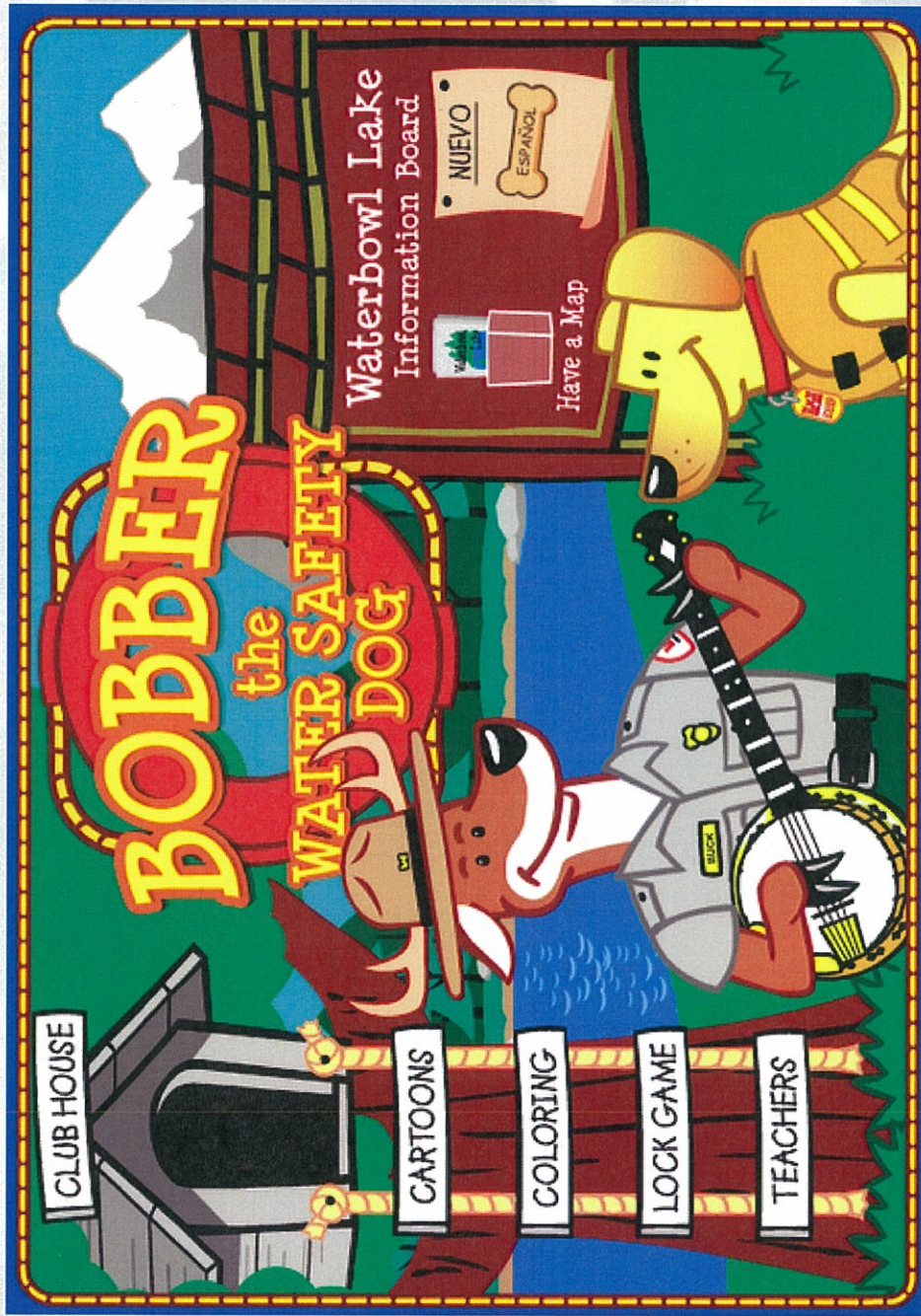
Water Safety Mascot

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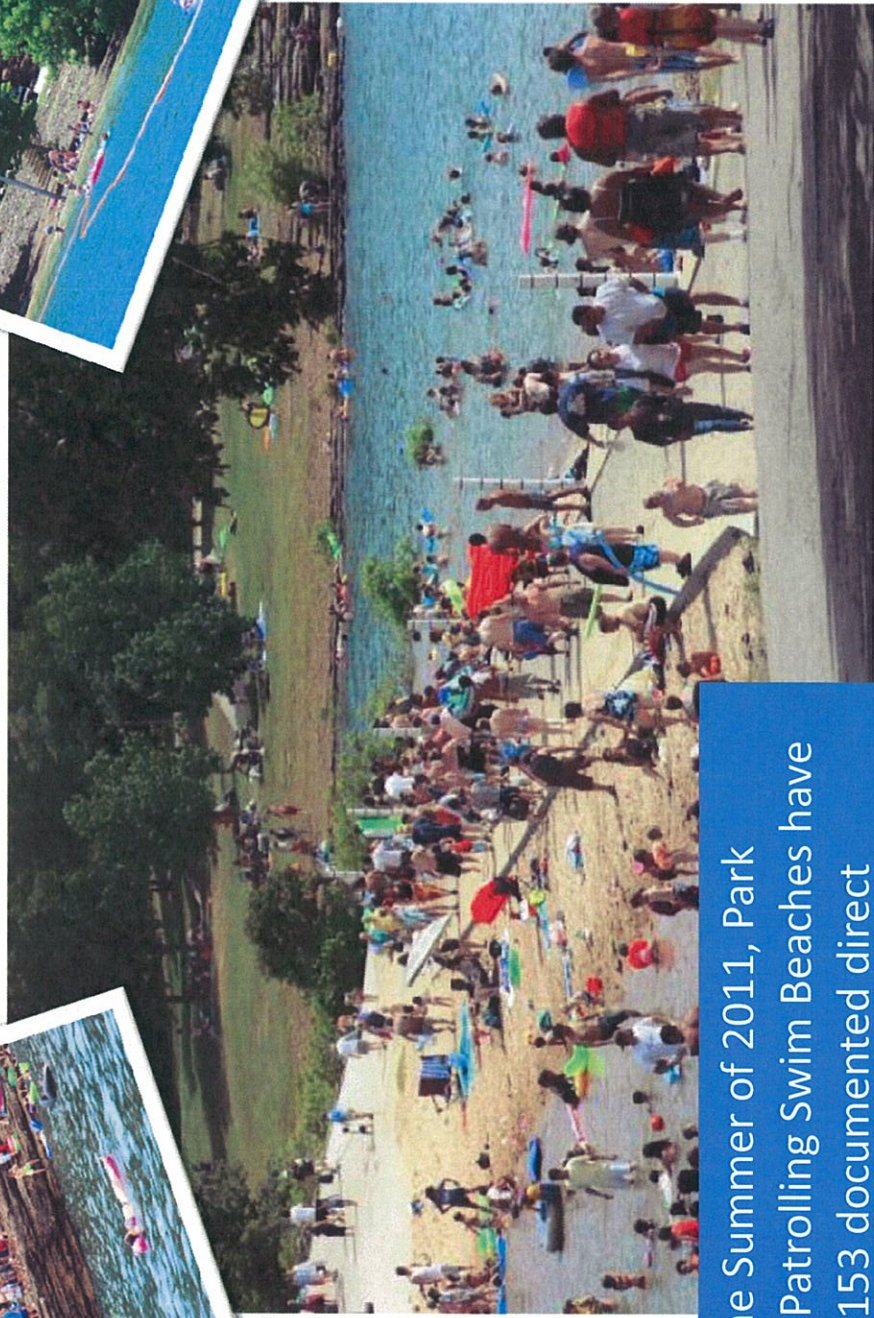
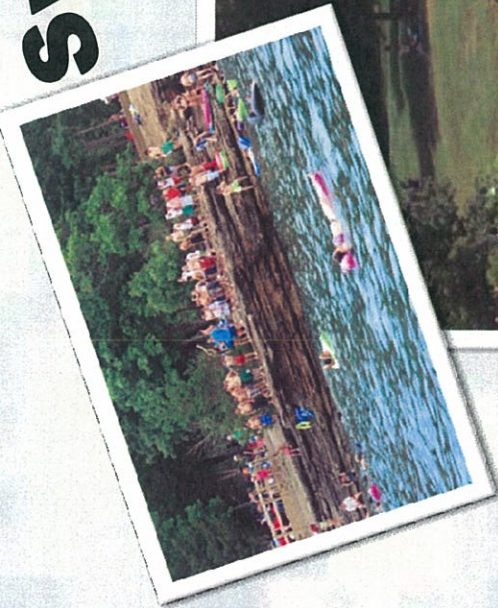


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Swim Beaches

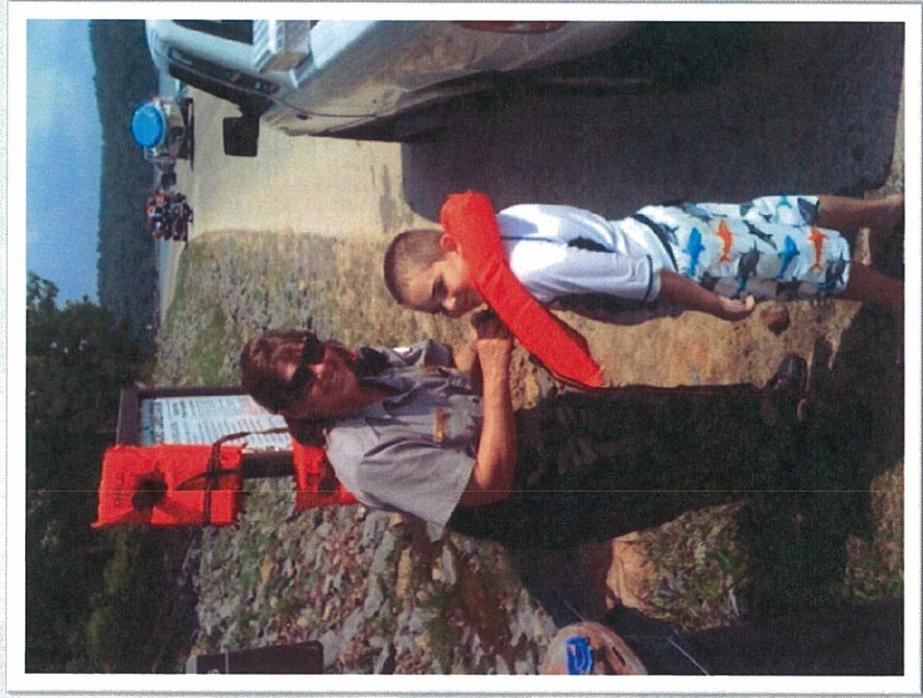


During the Summer of 2011, Park Ranger's Patrolling Swim Beaches have make 13,153 documented direct contacts with swimmers in or at the water's edge.

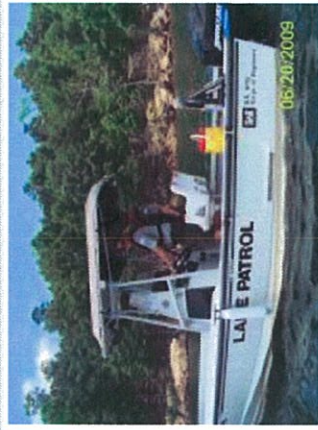
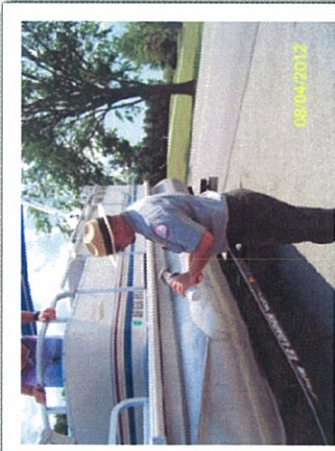


Life Jacket Loaner Boards

- Established in 2010, The Bi-lingual Greers Ferry Life Jacket Loaner Boards established the standard for the nation.
- Every Corps Park on Greers Ferry Lake has a Loaner Board at their swim beach.
- Not intended for boating.



Boating Safety



- During most typical summers, USACE Greers Ferry Lake had a Lake Patrol Boat on the water nearly every weekend and during major holidays and special events.
- Water safety saturations were coordinated in conjunction with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Cleburne County Sheriff's Department.
- During the 2011 season, Ranger checked 2053 boats making contact with 8850 visitors.
- Statistics from the boat checks revealed user's trends and water safety habits.



In Conclusion

Date	Location	Activity	Direct Contacts	Indirect Contacts
10/6/2012	Heber Springs	Heber Springs Buisness Fair	600	
4/16/2012	Guy Elementary	4th Grade Outreach	24	
4/19/2012	Concord Elementary	4th Grade Outreach	33	
4/24/2012	Pangburn Elementary	4th Grade Outreach	65	
4/28/2012	Little Rock	Touch a Truck	1500	
5/8/2012	Heber Springs	HSES Activity Fair	150	
5/10/2012	West Side Elementary	4th Grade Outreach	35	
5/15/2012	Shirley Elementary	4th Grade Outreach	33	
5/21/2012	West Side Elementary	4th Grade Outreach	80	
5/23/2012	KTHV Channel 11	Water Safety Promo		1
2012 Gem Theater Cleburne		Movie Theater Ads	28,010	
2012 Gateway Twin Van Buren		Movie Theater Ads	20,132	
6/9/2012	Little Rock Air Force Base	Car Show / Water Safety Booth	200	
7/16/2012	Channel 4	Water Safety Promo		1
7/17/2012	Channel 11	Water Safety Promo		1
2012 Lake Patrol		Boat Checks	2,533	
2012 One on One		Swim Beach Patrol	3,976	
2012 Total (and counting)			54,851	1



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