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Permit Policy Changes for Special Events and Fishing Tournaments at Carters Lake

This is to inform you about changes to the special events program at Carters Lake effective January 1, 2008. These changes are being implemented to be in compliance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' national policy on the permitting of special events.

The special events program is a tool through which the Corps exercises its land and water stewardship responsibilities. The permitting process allows us to manage resource impacts by directing proposed events to dates and facilities which can accommodate or best accommodate the activity and to promote safety and quality outdoor experiences for event participants and the broader public by scheduling events to avoid or minimize impacts to normal project use and other permitted activities. Events normally requiring a permit include fishing tournaments, sailboat races, boat regattas athletic competitions, weddings, baptisms, and other large scale recreational programs.

The major change to the permit program is the implementation of a non-refundable minimum base fee of \$50.00 for a special event permit. One permit may cover up to a maximum of 12 events at Carters Project within the calendar year.

Requests for special events during the holidays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends will not be permitted.

Requests for fishing tournaments on the weekends (Friday through Sunday) during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September will only be permitted from 6:00pm to 6:00am to avoid conflicts in use by the general public.

At this time all public boat ramps at Carters Lake are closed because of the low water situation. Due to the drought conditions fishing tournament permits that use boat ramps on the main lake will not be issued until the lake level rises and the boat ramps are reopened.

For information call 706-334-2248 or visit the Carters Lake web site at:
<http://carters.sam.usace.army.mil/> .