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Corps Day Use Recreation Sites are free for August 1-9!

Wilmington, North Carolina--Every little bit helps in these tough economic times. The Corps hopes visitors will enjoy a day of fun in the sun on us in early August!

Families can enjoy a visit to one of our swim beaches or boat ramps without paying a Day Use fee **for the period of Saturday, August 1st, through Sunday, August 9th.**

The full week with two weekends of free entry can help a family with a carload of kids or a fisherman out for a day excursion shave a few dollars from their day-long trip. Craig Rockwell, Operations Manager at Philpott Lake in Virginia, reports that visitation is up at the lake this year. He's guessing that 'staycations' and lower cost family entertainment are more important than ever this year.

We invite the public to visit our Corps Recreation Areas available at W. Kerr Scott Lake, near Wilkesboro, North Carolina, John H. Kerr Lake, near Boydton, Virginia, and Philpott Lake, near Bassett, Virginia.

Visitors to John H. Kerr, Falls Lake (Raleigh) and Jordan Lakes (Durham area) should be aware North Carolina and Virginia State Parks operating on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lakes are NOT included in the fee waiver. Camping and special fees for shelters and other special events continue to require fee payments at all our lakes.

And when you visit us, remember: **WATCH YOUR KIDS EVERY MINUTE FOR SAFETY! TAKE ADVANTAGE of our LIFE JACKET LOAN PROGRAM!**