

Toyota, Community Team Up to Support National Public Lands Day Activities

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Volunteers gather at Fort Boonesborough State Park to make improvements

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (Sept. 10, 2009) — Employees from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK) along with community volunteers and members of local boy scouts and girl scouts gathered at Fort Boonesborough State Park in Richmond on Saturday, September 12, 2009 as part of the 16th annual National Public Lands Day activities.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. Last year, 120,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants and planted 1.6 million trees.

The activities at Fort Boonesborough State Park, entitled *Fun at the Fort*, included improving the safety of the park's three hiking trails with the addition of concrete steps and cutting back overgrown trees and shrubs. In addition, volunteers constructed and installed wooden benches to expand the park's existing outdoor classroom for children, and also built bluebird houses and planted trees. Projects ranged from expert to kid-friendly and many were led by officials from the National Audubon Society, American Chestnut Foundation, and Bluegrass PRIDE, a local environmental education society.

"It's very heartwarming to see our team members, their families and other community members volunteer to improve one of our state's beautiful landmarks," said Steve St. Angelo, president of TMMK. "Kentuckians take a lot of pride in making this state a beautiful place to live."

TMMK is Toyota's largest plant in North America employing about 6,900 team members with the annual capacity to produce 500,000 engines and vehicles including the Camry, Camry Hybrid, Avalon, and the Venza.

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