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DAY OF SERVICE TO BE HELD AT WARRIORS' PATH STATE PARK ON APRIL 25

Volunteer Clean-up to Temporarily Close Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground

NASHVILLE – Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground at Warriors' Path State Park will be closed on Saturday, April 25th for a Day of Service. The volunteer clean-up effort is organized by the Friends of Warriors' Path State Park in partnership with Tennessee State Parks and several community groups.

The park will remain open to visitors on April 25, but access to the playground will be restricted from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. In the event of rain, the volunteer clean-up will be rescheduled for Saturday, May 2.

In cooperation with a number of local businesses and community groups, this day has been designated to plant greenery, mulch, pressure wash all playground equipment, weed, and clean up areas of the park – including the playground. Close to 200 volunteers are expected to participate.

Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground is a place where children of all abilities can learn and play together. The first phase of Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground opened at Warriors' Path in April 2007. In 2012, phase four, the Palmer Center Foundation Amphitheater, was completed.

"This is an important event for Warriors' Path State Park, and we are grateful to all the groups who are pitching in," Park Manager Sarah Leedy said. "The playground is a special experience for visitors to the park, and we want it to remain the highest quality possible."

Warriors' Path was the first state park in the nation to provide a Boundless Playground for visitors. The playground complex includes an area for children ages 2-5, along with a playground area for children ages 5-12, a sand island and the a-"MAZE"-ing interactive area. In addition, there is an eight-station interactive Braille Trail, with the theme of C.S. Lewis' The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. There is a fully accessible tree house where children can learn about the history of Warriors' Path State Park and the native wildlife that live there.

The Day of Service is made possible by many community partners. Sponsors who have donated time, goods and/or services include: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, ACC Community Workers, Celebration Church, Christ Fellowship Church, Celebration Church, the City of Kingsport, Hardee's (Capstone Restaurants), Mycroft Signs, First Baptist Church Youth Group, Food City, Kingsport Jaycees, Kiwanis Club of Kingsport, Lions Club of Kingsport, Lowe's of Kingsport, Northeast Tennessee Master Gardeners, Office Depot, Palmer Center Foundation, Faris Properties LLC (McDonald's), Dobyns-Bennett and Sullivan South Key Clubs, Tribal

Members of the Remnant Yuchi Nation, Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Achieves students and Walmart Super Centers of Kingsport.

Neighbors, churches and community groups are invited to volunteer at Warriors' Path State Park on April 25. To find out more about the project and get involved, contact Park Manager Sarah Leedy at (423) 239-8531 or sarah.leedy@tn.gov or Mary Steadman with the Friends of Warriors' Path State Park at (423) 956-4330 or mary.steadman@milespartnership.com.

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