



VOLUNTEERS WANTED !



Help build habitat for fish at Apache Lake to improve your fishing!

Apache Lake Fish Habitat Improvement Project Work Schedule

Attached is the Apache Lake Fish Habitat Improvement Project (ALFHIP) work schedule from November 18 – December 17, 2006. During the highlighted work days an Arizona Game and Fish Department work foreman will be at the Apache Lake central work site to coordinate activities (main Marina area, directions attached). Volunteers and/or volunteer groups **must** schedule work dates by calling coordinator Jim Warnecke at least one week prior to coming out and helping with the project. If no volunteers are scheduled one week prior to a particular date, that work day will be cancelled.

Work duties for the ALFHIP will involve moving construction materials (tree limbs, cement block, pallets) from a fenced storage yard to the lakeshore nearby, then transport of these materials across the lake to the pre-selected habitat development site. Items are then off loaded lakeside and materials are moved to exact locations for actual construction (building). There will be some light-duty machinery available for moving materials to and from the shoreline, but a majority of items will need to be moved by hand due to the proximity and loading weight of the pontoon boats/barges involved. Weights include: wooden pallets-20-30 lbs/ea., cement blocks-20 lbs/ea and trees/limbs- 10-20 lbs/ea.

Construction of the habitat units or “Pisces Pyramids” will involve stacking 3 pallets together to form a tee-pee shape on the dry lakebed. Cement blocks are then added (as weight) to the center of this tee-pee and finally trees and/or tree limbs are affixed to the sides of the pyramid. All materials are attached together using 3 foot zip-tie straps as structures will be secured to the lake bottom using duckbill anchors and galvanized cable to ensure that the pyramids will not float off site once the lake rises.

Work hours will be from 8 am to 5 pm. Volunteers are asked to bring their own beverages, meals and appropriate clothes to suit the winter weather. Bring your own work gloves, although AGFD will have gloves available at the work site in addition to bottled water. If you’re planning on staying overnight, camp sites will be available in the marina area and the Resort concessionaire has promised a discount on rooms at the motel (\$50/night) and meals at the restaurant (10% off), just mention you are volunteering for the project. Volunteers should feel free to bring along their own boats for human transport across the lake and/or for time out fishing recreation later on.

Remember, your volunteer time and effort not only helps build new habitat for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, bluegill, black crappie and channel catfish but also counts as “match” for the Department to receive more Federal Sportfish Restoration dollars. Come out and be a part of this worthwhile effort for your fisheries resources!

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November 2006						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Work Day	18 Work Day
19 Work Day	20	21	22	23 Thanks-giving	24	25 Work Day
26 Work Day	27	28	29	30 Work Day		

December 2006						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Work Day	2 Work Day
3 Work Day	4	5	6	7	8 Work Day	9 Work Day
10 Work Day	11 Work Day	12	13	14	15 Work Day	16 Work Day
17 Work Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christ-mas	26	27	28	29	30
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Directions to the Apache Lake Marina area and Work site:

From the north- Take Hwy 88 (from Globe) or Hwy 188 (from the Beeline Hwy 87) to Roosevelt dam and the junction with Hwy 88 (Apache trail). Head southwest on the trail (dirt) for approximately 4 miles before coming to the Burnt Corral campground road. Continue on the trail for approximately another 4-5 miles before coming to the Apache Marina and Resort turnoff. Take this road west for one mile to the lake; our construction site is at the end past the restaurant.

From the south- Take Hwy 88 out of Apache Junction for approximately 34 miles past Canyon Lake to the Apache Marina and Resort turnoff. Take the road for one mile to the end to the work site as above. Note: At the top of Fish Creek hill, the road turns to dirt for the remaining 7 miles until the turnoff. The winding switchback road down Fish Creek hill is not for the faint-of-heart and only experienced mountain drivers should attempt navigating this narrow 2 lane road.