

Volunteers to spruce up camp

More than 225 people are expected to gather Saturday in an effort to clean up Timber Hill.

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FAIRFIELD TWP. — More than 225 volunteers are expected to participate in clean-up efforts Saturday at the Timber Hill campground on Hamilton-Middletown Road.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be hosted by the Timber Hill Restoration Coalition, a

How to go

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volunteer group dedicated to preserving the site.

"We are pleased with the turnout of over 200 people," coalition co-chairman John Lawson said. "It's a good indication to help restore the camp."

The event takes place on Make A Difference Day, according to organizers. Nationally, last year an estimated

three million people took part in volunteer projects on the annual day.

On Saturday in Fairfield Twp., many volunteers will represent various local Boy and Girl Scout troops.

The coalition formed earlier this year to restore the camp site owned by Butler County MetroParks. MetroParks obtained the site last year with the help of the county Transportation Improvement District. The 50-acre site was originally owned by the Girl Scouts.

According to Jason Boerger, MetroParks park supervisor, the coalition is in the early stage of restoring the camp.

"It's a great facility," Boerger said.

"We hope to open it for overnight stays next year."

Timber Hill will be among the few camp sites available in the county.

Among the improvements will be installing a new roof, repairing its drainage system, spreading mulch along three intersecting trails and building a dormitory-style lodge.

The Girl Scouts will continue to use the site as a day camp from May through June free of charge for the next four years, Boerger said.

"It's a great thing for us," he said. "(The coalition) is excited and motivated."

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