



Volunteer Day at Sleeter Lake Park

- Attention: Scouts, Students, Community Members, Anyone seeking community service credits
- What: *Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains* is sponsoring a tree planting event
- Where: Sleeter Lake Park, Lakefield Road (Route 791), Round Hill
- When: 10:00 am Saturday, March 23; Rain/inclement weather date: March 30
- What: Plant 1½ to 2 inch caliper trees (donated by Meadows Farms Nurseries) into pre-dug holes
- Provided: Instructions and tools for planting; refreshments
- Information: info@friendsofblueridge.org for registration and additional information

Thanks to donations from our members, *Friends* is sponsoring a collaborative project to enhance Sleeter Lake Park, western Loudoun County's newest recreational park in Round Hill. Our partners include Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy (LWC), Loudoun County Master Gardeners Association (LCMGA), and the Town of Round Hill. *Friends* is providing an environmentally friendly master plan for the park based on a design by James Remuzzi of Sustainable Solutions. Meadows Farms Nurseries also donated 20 trees for the project. LWC is developing a pollinator meadow with native plants and shrubs. LCMGA has identified existing mature trees along paths through the woods and assisted in the selection of indigenous trees to plant along the paths that connect existing and future park amenities. The paths will employ earth stabilization and best management practices by incorporating erosion control and water retention/filtration methods on the slopes leading to the lake. Other improvements planned for Sleeter Lake Park include an outdoor classroom for teaching environmental stewardship, a viewing platform, pollinator gardens and meadow, picnic areas, benches, rest rooms, and fishing pads along the lake.



Grab your gardening gloves, bring your reusable water bottle and be a part of making western Loudoun an even more beautiful place to live and recreate!