

# SPRING BIG SWEEP TO SAVE BIRDS

Saturday April 5, 2008

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## Help clean up Falls Lake to make nesting birds safer

Cliff Swallows (right) and Barn Swallows (lower right) are neo-tropical migrant birds that winter in South America and migrate annually to breed in the U.S. They nest under the bridges at Falls Lake and vicinity. Falls Lake has one of the largest colonies of Cliff Swallows in North Carolina!

They build their nests out of mud collected from the waters edge. Fishing line and other trash can be accidentally built into the nest and the adults and fledglings can get tangled and stuck!

That's where we can help out.



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**Who:** Open to all ages, parents must accompany children.

**When:** Sat. April 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Meet at the highway 50 boat ramp to get assigned a nest colony for clean up. [Web map and directions.](#)

**How:** Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Bring drinking water, proper footwear and dress for the weather. You will be given a map and data sheet that must be returned afterwards.

Become “**citizen scientists**” by also counting the swallow nests.

