



The Kanawha State Forest Foundation has teamed up with Superintendent Kevin Dials to host a monthly volunteer work project at Kanawha State Forest in 2017.

Our first project was in February when volunteers applied a fresh coat of white paint to the inside of the restrooms near the former pool complex.

In March, volunteers showed up for a campground clean-up, clearing limbs, trash and leaves from each campsite ahead of the season opening.

We timed our April project to coincide with the Davis Creek Watershed Association's annual trash clean-up, with more than a dozen cub scouts removing trash from the Davis Creek Trail.

Another group of volunteers headed to the KSF gun range to clear a massive mixture of gun-riddled garbage. Next stop was the roadway near the back gate which was cluttered with bottles, cans, and old tires. By the end of the day, two truckloads of trash were removed from the forest.



May marked the month for the renovation of picnic shelter #9, with picnic shelter #5 in line for a new coat of stain in June.



The monthly volunteer work projects are not only attracting members of the Kanawha State Forest Foundation, but also hikers, bikers and other outdoor enthusiasts, plus local students looking for a fun way to earn their community service credits.

The monthly work projects are listed on the Kanawha State Forest Foundation's website and Facebook page. Everyone is welcome, even if you just show-up with snacks and encouragement for the volunteers.