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**KDHE and KDWPT host 4th Annual 'Keep It Clean Kansas'
State park clean-up to be held April 22**

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) and Westar Energy, will hold the second annual 'Keep It Clean Kansas' state park cleanup event on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in observance of Earth Day.

Five state parks across Kansas have been selected for the cleanup event again this year. Volunteers at each park will receive a T-shirt and breakfast will be provided. KDHE invites volunteers to register at www.kdheks.gov/waste/earthday.html

"We are excited to get communities across Kansas involved in preserving the natural beauty of our state parks," said Bill Bider, Bureau of Waste Management director. "The event was a success last year and we've selected five more parks for the cleanup this year. By selecting five or six different parks each year, we can ensure that every one of our state parks is cleaned on a five-year rotating basis."

The following state parks were selected for 2017:

[Meade State Park - Meade, KS](#)

[Glen Elder State Park - Glen Elder, KS](#)

[Kaw River State Park - Topeka, KS](#)

[Fall River State Park - Fall River, KS](#)

[Hillsdale State Park - Paola, KS](#)

KDHE asks volunteers to register in order to ensure an appropriate number of T-shirts and breakfast can be planned for each state park.

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KDHE's mission is to protect and improve the health and environment of all Kansans.