The Public Lands Information Center (PLIC), run by the Bureau of Land Management, has invited us to participate in this year's National Public Lands Day, Saturday September 24. The event will be held at the Phoenix North Mountain Visitor Center, North 7th Street, south of Thunderbird Road at approximately N 33° 36.034' W 112° 03.938' (though there are events all over the state - see: http://www.npld.com/) .

The day will consist of two parts: A "Trail Beautification Project" from 7 to 9 AM and a Recreation Fair from 9 AM to 2 PM. Volunteers for the Trail Project will receive breakfast, souvenir T-shirt, water, snacks, and lunch. During the Recreation Fair, we will be manning one of about 50 tables open to the public to talk about Geocaching. We've been asked to ""introduce folks to your hobby and educate them on the proper etiquette as far as minimum impact and "Leave no trace" ". Last year they had an estimated 5,000 attendees during the Recreation Fair and anticipate a similar number this year.

What we'll need will be volunteers for the Trail Project, and volunteers to staff the table. My thought is two or more people at the table for two-hour shifts, depending on how many volunteers we have. You'll be able to do both the Trail Project and the table if you'd like. I'm hoping we'll have enough participation that no one will have to do more than two hours at the table unless they really want to.

The text of the email I received, a Microsoft Word file about the event from Phoenix Parks and Recreation (who are co-sponsors locally), and two one-page PDF documents about the day may be found at http://tinyurl.com/7s89g .

I think it is important that we do this as a community. If you want to participate, let me know

either by contacting me on the azgeocaching listserver or emailing me through my geocaching.com profile. Thank you.

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