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5th Annual Clean-up of White Bear Lake planned for March 7, 2009.

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The 5th Annual Clean-up of White Bear Lake will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The White Bear Lake Conservation District (WBLCD) will host the event and asks the public to come out and pick up trash and debris left over from the winter and ice fishing season. “This year, we hope to encourage people to clean up year round. We want to jumpstart the efforts by hosting this clean up and promote the idea of stewardship throughout the year,” said Thomas Hoffman, Chair of the WBLCD. “We are also encouraging homeowners on the lake to go out and pick up trash along their shoreline.”

WBLCD Board Members will be located at different sites around the lake, from 10am – noon on Saturday, March 7 to hand out trash bags and take part in the clean up. The sites are Ramsey County Beach, Lions Park, VFW Memorial Park, Bellaire Beach, Mahtomedi Beach, and at Birchwood’s Dellwood Easement. Trash bags have been donated by the DNR Adopt-a-River Program. Volunteers need to remember to dress for the weather and to bring their gloves.

At previous clean up events, 30 volunteers cleared approximately 270 pounds of trash from the ice. This trash would have otherwise fallen into the water once the ice melted. Hoffman said, “We want to promote the idea that people should pick up trash they find whenever they are at the lake. A small effort can make a big impact on the health of a lake we all enjoy. Our clean up on March 7th is one way people can help. Special thanks to Washington Square Bar & Grill for their support”.

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