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Volunteers Needed for Colorado River Clean Up October 14, 2017

Yuma, Ariz. – Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, in conjunction with Arizona River Towns, is sponsoring a cleanup of the Colorado River. The event is a portion of what was formerly known as the Reverse River Run organized by Amigos del Rio. This year's event is a one-day cleanup of the Colorado River shoreline between Imperial Dam and the north end of Imperial National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers with boats are needed to participate.

Volunteers will meet at 7 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Fisher's Landing for a pre-trip signup and briefing. At 8 a.m., participants will cruise downriver to Imperial Dam to begin the clean-up, and work upriver to the north end of Imperial National Wildlife Refuge. Trash bags will be provided.

Volunteers should bring lunch, snacks, and beverages for the day. Participants will stop along the river for a group lunch, and will meet back at Fisher's Landing at 4 p.m. Dinner can be purchased at Fisher's Landing Bar and Grill, if desired.

Safety is a primary concern. Be sure to prepare for weather extremes, and make sure your boats have appropriate safety equipment. Please bring life vests, hats, sturdy gloves, sunscreen, insect repellent, and plenty of water.

Our rivers and streams are precious commodities. Please help keep the Colorado River shoreline clean by joining us for this fun event. For further information, please contact Imperial National Wildlife Refuge at 928-783-3371.

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