

# Great American Clean Up is Set

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The Great American Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 (with Saturday April 7 as the rain date).

The event sponsored by the Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce and Partners for Clean Communities/Keep America Beautiful. Local clubs and organizations are gearing up for another great event. Over 2,700 bags were collected last year and organizers are hoping for even better results this year. Collection bags may be picked up at the following locations: county executives office (courthouse), Chamber of Commerce, Tazewell and Harrogate City Halls, or Clear Fork Volunteer Fire Department (Clairfield). Francis Rasnic, cleanup organizer, said participants must use the bags provided from these locations. Those participating in the cleanup will be able to turn their bags in at one of the following collection stations between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and they are South Claiborne Volunteer Fire Dept., Forge Ridge High School, Speedwell Volunteer Fire Dept. (Station No. 2), Clear fork Volunteer Fire Dept., First Century Bank (Tazewell), Harrogate City Park, and Citizens Bank (New Tazewell).

Each collection point will be manned with volunteers who will count the bags turned in and then provide participants with a coupon redeemable for a dollar for each bag collected, said Rasnic.

“Following the cleanup a drawing will be held for prizes, at the Harrogate City Park, we will also have singing festivities and refreshment will be served, she said. The celebration will take place at 3 p.m. and participating groups and individuals will have their names placed in a drawing and the winner of that drawing will win \$50. The individual or group collecting the most amount of bags will win \$100, while \$75 will be paid to the group or individuals with the second largest amount collected. The coupons may be redeemed starting on April 2 at any local bank.

“This is a great opportunity for groups to raise money, but also to educate people about the need to have a clean environment in our community and what it means to each individual,” Rasnic said.

The Great American Cleanup is sponsored by Keep American Beautiful, Chamber of Commerce and several national corporate sponsors such as America Online, Glad Products, Green Forest Productions, The Kroger Company, McDonalds, Sherwin Williams, United Airlines, Coca-Cola, Pepsi-Cola, Yard Man and the William Wrigley Jr. Company.

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may call the Claiborne County Chamber of Commerce at (423) 626-4149 or Francis Rasnic at (423) 626-5824.

“Come on, lets get involved and make our community look as beautiful as possible,” she said.