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Media Advisory

Warriors' Path State Park Dedicates Addition to Darrell's Dream Playground July 16 *New Equipment Designed to Promote Interactive Play for Children of All Abilities*

KINGSPORT, Tenn. - Tennessee State Parks will join the Friends of Warriors' Path State Park and the Kingsport Lions Club on Monday, July 16, for a tour and ceremony dedicating newly installed equipment at the park's Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground.

Called the OmniSpin® Spinner, this rotating playground structure offers children of all abilities, including those who utilize wheelchairs, valuable vestibular sensory stimulation and encourages interactive play. Other features of this unique "merry-go-round" include high-back seats; transfer points from wheelchair or walker; durable and colorfast craftsmanship; and a speed limiter for added safety.

The equipment was partially donated by the Kingsport Lions Club and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Others providing funding or in-kind contributions included Landscape Structures, James A. Street Associates, Clean Play 123, Redi-Mix USA, Friends of Warriors' Path State Park, and LaQuinta Inn.

Media are invited to attend the dedication ceremony for this important new addition to this remarkable playground. Brief remarks will be followed by a tour and light refreshments: Details are as follows:

- WHO:** Charles Bailey, Past District Governor for East Tennessee Lions Clubs
Doug Haseltine, Lions Club of Kingsport
Park Manager Jerry Adams, Warriors' Path State Park
Mary Steadman, Friends of Warriors' Path State Park
Local community members and elected officials
- WHAT:** Dedication ceremony and tour of the new OmniSpin® Spinner equipment at the Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground. Brief remarks will be followed by a tour and light refreshments.
- WHEN:** Monday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m. (Eastern)
- WHERE:** Warriors' Path State Park
490 Hemlock Road, Kingsport, Tenn. 37663

Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground is a place where children of all abilities can learn and play together. The Boundless Playground opened at Warriors' Path in April 2007, and is made possible through public-private partnerships. Warriors' Path is the first state park in the nation to provide a Boundless Playground for visitors. The playground is supported by the Friends of Warriors' Path, an organization that fosters conservation and educational efforts, while assisting the park in its efforts to better preserve and protect its existing facilities and resources.

Warriors' Path State Park sits on 950 acres and was named for the park's proximity to the ancient war and trading path used by the Cherokee. The park is situated on the shores of TVA's Patrick Henry Reservoir on the Holston River. It features camping, hiking, fishing, golf, boating, biking, swimming, picnic facilities and horseback riding. For more information about Warriors' Path and Tennessee State Parks, please visit www.tnstateparks.com.

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Darrell's Dream Boundless™ Playground Complex

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dedication of OmniSpin™ Spinner

Warriors' Path State Park

Monday, July 16, 2012

Welcome.....Mary Steadman, Friends of Warriors' Path State Park
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation.....Anne Marshall, Senior Advisor
OmniSpin™ Spinner StoryDoug Haseltine, Kingsport Lions Club
Lions Clubs International Foundation Contribution.....Charles Bailey, Past District 12-N Governor
Invocation.....Will Lauderback, Associate Pastor First Broad Street United Methodist Church
Ribbon Cutting.....Contributors
Maiden "Spin"..... Children

Following program, please enjoy refreshments –THANKS FOR COMING!

Special Thanks to the following for helping us prepare for and host today's event:

Friends of Warriors' Path State Park, Express Signs, Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, Kingsport Lions Club, MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center, Schwan's Frozen Foods and Warriors' Path State Park Staff.

Special Thanks again to our OmniSpin™ Spinner Contributors

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