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Second Annual Natural Resources Districts 5K Run Raises Funds for Youth Leadership and Natural Resources Education Programs!

(Lincoln, NE) Lace up your shoes, it's running time at Chalco Hills Recreation Area - Omaha's premier outdoor recreation facility! Join the Natural Resources Districts for the second annual 5K Run/1 Mile Fun Run/Kids Dash fundraiser on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Runners and families will enjoy a scenic loop around Wehrspann Lake. The run starts at 9:00 AM with a 100 meter Kids Dash following the race.

The Natural Resources Districts are excited to raise money for youth who love the outdoors and are excited to learn how to better conserve Nebraska's natural resources. Each dollar raised goes to several programs the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Foundation sponsors. These include programs like: FFA, a student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership; The Adventure Camp about the Environment where middle-school aged children learn about the state's wildlife, soil and water; and the Envirothon, a competition for high school students where they can test their knowledge and skills on natural resources management and environmental issues. The Foundation gives more than \$25,000 every year to educating Nebraska's youth about conserving Nebraska's natural resources!

The Natural Resources Districts' run last year in Wahoo was a great success in raising more than \$4,000. This year, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District is teaming up with the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Foundation with a goal to raise even more!

The NRDs plan to move the run to a different NRD recreation area every year, so everyone gets a chance to see our amazing recreation areas, lakes, running and hiking trails, camping, boating and fishing sites across Nebraska!

The state's 23 Natural Resources Districts are proud to protect the lives, property and future of Nebraska. We hope the public comes out to support our youth and spend the morning enjoying Chalco Hills Recreation Area!

Again, the 5K Run/1 Mile Fun Run/Kids Dash fundraiser kicks off at 9:00 AM. It's Saturday, April 9th at Wehrspann Lake in Omaha. You can register by going to www.nrdnet.org and click on the Event Page!



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The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD), the trade association for Nebraska's 23 natural resources districts, works with individual NRDs to protect lives, protect property, and protect the future of Nebraska's natural resources. These districts are unique to Nebraska. NRD's are local government entities with broad responsibilities to protect our natural resources. Major Nebraska river basins form the boundaries of the 23 NRDs, enabling districts to respond best to local conservation and resource management needs. To learn more about Nebraska's NRDs visit www.nrdnet.org. Or you can head to the Natural Resources Districts' Facebook page at www.facebook.com or follow NARD's Twitter page at [@nebnrd](http://www.twitter.com). NARD is located at 601 S. 12th St. Suite 201, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Email NARD at nard@nrdnet.org or call NARD at (402) 471-7670.