

Spring time, dog time, clean-up and fix-up time with friends and tail wags

The first Saturday in May, this year May 7, is the annual Spring Clean-Up Day at Service Dogs for America in Jud, ND. Bring your work gloves, your favorite gardening equipment from hand trowels to weed whackers to shovels to whatever and work with friends.

This event really helps the dogs and staff.

The main work of the school is to prepare service dogs for people – something the staff devotes itself to doing every day.

Volunteers are needed to keep the school in great shape. SDA sits on 10 acres of land on the south edge of Jud with 7,200 square feet of training and canine housing; 2,000 square feet of exterior kennels; 3,200 square feet of exercise yards; two client cabins, and 12,500 square feet in Lions Memorial Park.

That's a lot of area to not only maintain but keep making better for clients and dogs. We can all work together to help people who need service dogs have a better quality of life by making the physical facility of Service Dogs for America safe, comfortable and serene.

Dogs are trained for military veterans, and for people who need mobility assistance, emergency medical response, facilities such as nursing homes and courtrooms and for career change. That's the staff job.

When volunteers come in and help with physical plant maintenance, we make everything better by our service.

Food is provided. The Davenport Lions are donating funds toward food for the day and others bring goodies, too. The Jud Lions provide flowers that are planted by volunteers. Lions and Lions Clubs have been active supports of the school since it began in 1991 when Lion Edward W. Duden donated the land.

If you would like to donate or get more information, please contact the school: 701-685-2242.

Please call and let them know you are coming – we need to know numbers so everyone has food and treats!