

Sprint Into 2006 In The Woodlands Trail Classic

The first Woodlands Trail Classic 5K and Fun Run family event will be held at Cypress Park on F. Edward Hebert Blvd. on Saturday, December 31, 2005 at 9 a.m. Following the jump start on the New Year, participants will be entertained by the music of "The Stargeezers" while enjoying refreshments donated for the fundraising event. Race participants and those purchasing wristbands for enjoyment of music and food only, will partake in red beans and rice provided by the Algiers Kiwanis Morning Edition, chicken and sausage jambalaya by Aurora Catering, Abita Rootbeer and other refreshments.

A variety of awards will be given for race participants including the first to cross the finish line wearing their New Year's hat to be given out at the registration table. On-line registration is available at www.woodlandstrail.com. Also race entry forms are at the Government Building, 106 Ave G. For further information regarding participation and/or sponsorship opportunities, call 504.433.4934 or email woodlandstrail@aol.com.

Proceeds from the Woodlands Trail Classic will benefit Woodlands Trail and

Park in their efforts to establish recreational trails connecting the river communities of Orleans and Plaquemines Parish. Phase one of Woodlands Trail--America's Wetland Birding Trail includes 13.6 miles of recreational pathways leading to a grouping of WWII ammunition magazines nestled in the forest in Belle Chasse.

The public was first given a bird's eye view of Woodlands Trail on National Trails Day in June, 2005. Hurricane Katrina has severely impacted the bottomland hardwood forest dedicated to Woodlands Trail. Proceeds from the first Woodlands Trail Classic will help re-establish trails and expand the efforts of Woodlands Trail in "Creating a Legacy" for future generations.