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### **ABC, State Parks Partner for Statewide STAR Training** *Partnership will save resources for agencies and trainees*

**Frankfort, Ky.** (March 13, 2017) – The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and the Kentucky Department of Parks are teaming up to provide monthly Server Training in Alcohol Regulations (STAR) classes for ABC licensees and their employees.

The STAR course is a two-hour class for individuals that serve or sell alcoholic beverages in Kentucky. The course provides an overview of the state's liquor laws and covers topics such as recognizing fake identifications and understanding factors that influence alcohol absorption rate. Many communities require the training as part of local alcohol ordinances.

"This collaboration is a win-win for our agencies," said Parks Commissioner Donnie Holland. "ABC will be able to offer regular STAR classes throughout the state, while also introducing more Kentuckians to our beautiful state park facilities."

Six STAR classes will be held each month at state park venues. The locations will alternate by highway district, with state park facilities in even-numbered highway districts hosting the classes in even months and facilities in odd-numbered districts hosting the classes in odd months.

"Partnering with the Department of State Parks allows us to offer consistent class schedules with locations throughout the state," said ABC Commissioner Christine Trout. "Since Senate Bill 11 took effect last year, there has been a greater demand for STAR training classes as more individuals take advantage of local economic opportunities, and this partnership will allow us to meet that demand."

ABC is working to cross-train the agency's field investigators so that they can conduct STAR training classes, reducing the need for instructor travel and creating a cost savings. The department is also testing simulcast training that would allow trainees to participate remotely in future STAR classes and other ABC education programs.

For more information about STAR classes and to register for an upcoming class, visit <http://abc.ky.gov/Education/Pages/default.aspx>.

To learn more about Kentucky State Parks, visit <http://parks.ky.gov/>.

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