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Gov. Barbour Declares Sept. 20 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Day

Volunteers in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties are needed for the 20th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup to be held from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup—the planet's largest volunteer cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment. Gov. Haley Barbour recently signed a proclamation in support of the annual event organized by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force.

"Cleaning up our Gulf Coast has never been more important than after Katrina, which resulted in large amounts of debris that threatened marine wildlife, navigation and our communities. I commend the joint efforts of the Department of Marine Resources and countless volunteers for their tireless efforts to remove this debris from our coastline, and I urge Mississippians to do their part in preserving the natural beauty of our Gulf Coast by participating in the 20th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept. 20," Governor Barbour said.

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is a Take Pride in America event. Part of the President's USA Freedom Corps call to service, the Take Pride in America program is a national partnership established by the U.S. Department of the Interior and is an excellent opportunity for citizens and communities to demonstrate local pride, initiative and stewardship.

Registration deadline for the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is Sept. 4. Register on-line at www.mscoastalcleanup.org, or to obtain a registration form and sign up to volunteer call: 467-9048 in Hancock County; 523-4141 in Harrison County; 762-3391 in Jackson County; 875-9057 ext. 100 for the Barrier Islands (requires boat); and 475-7047 for the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (advance sign-up required to reserve canoe or kayak.)

On cleanup day, zone captains will be stationed at each cleanup site in bright yellow T-shirts to direct volunteers and give them trash bags, data cards and pencils provided by Ocean Conservancy, bottled water compliments of the Beverage Association of Mississippi, and a free eco-friendly tote bag provided by Chevron Pascagoula Refinery (while supplies last). Following the cleanup, volunteers must present their meal ticket for a free lunch at Jones Park in Gulfport courtesy of the High Cotton Grill **from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only** on event day.

During the 2007 International Coastal Cleanup, more than 378,000 volunteers in 76 countries removed more than 6 million pounds of debris from the ocean, rivers, lakes and waterways.

For more information visit the official Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Web site at www.mscoastalcleanup.org Volunteers under age 21 must have their parents sign the registration form and fax or mail it back to participate.

Volunteers will pick up marine debris in all three counties and the barrier islands at 60 designated Coastal Cleanup sites, which include three private sites.

Designated cleanup areas are as follows:

- **Hancock County** – Bayside Park, Hwy. 90 West; Diamondhead Community; Kiln Community, Hwy 603.
- **Bay St. Louis** – Bayou La Croix to Breath's Bayou, Hwy 603; Bay St. Louis Depot District; Beach Blvd. from the mouth of the Jourdan River to Dunbar Ave.; Dunbar Ave. from Beach Blvd. to Hwy. 90; Beach Blvd. from Hwy. 90 to Bookter St.; Beach Blvd. from Bookter St. to Bay Oaks Drive; Beach Blvd. from Bay Oaks Drive to Coleman Ave., Waveland; and Garden Isles Community, Washington/Chapman streets.
- **Waveland** – Beach Blvd., Coleman Ave. to Buccaneer State Park; Beach Blvd., Buccaneer State Park to Pointset Ave., Clermont Harbor, includes Bordage and Ioor streets to R.R.
- **Clermont Harbor** – Beach Blvd., Pointset Ave. to the mouth of Bayou Caddy, Lakeshore.
- **Harrison County**
- **Biloxi** – Deer Island (requires boat), Forrest Avenue Pier, Hiller Park, Keegan Bayou (Back Bay) (military assigned), Keesler Marina (military assigned), Rodenberg Avenue.
- **D'Iberville** – D'Iberville Boat Launch, Fountain Pier.
- **Gulfport** – Courthouse Road, DeBuys-Cowan-Lorraine Road, Gulfport Lake (military assigned), James Hill Park, Jones Park/Gulfport Harbor, Kremer Landing, Lower Turkey Creek.
- **Long Beach** – Long Beach Harbor west
- **Pass Christian** – Pass Christian Harbor.
- **Jackson County** – Belle Fontaine Beach, Bluff Creek, and Pollock Ferry Landing.
- **Ocean Springs** – Davis Bayou (GINS), East Beach, Fort Bayou Boat Launch, Front Beach, Graveline Bayou Pier and Boat Launch, and Gulf Park Estates Public Pier.
- **Gautier** – Gautier City Park, Graveline Road/Shepard State Park, and Pine Island (West Pascagoula River) (requires boat).
- **Moss Point** – Hwy. 63 Boat Ramp, I-10 Boat Launch, and The Riverfront (Moss Point).
- **Pascagoula** – I.G. Levy Park, Old Spanish Fort, Pascagoula Beach, The River Park and Round Island.
- **Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve** – Bayou Heron. Volunteers may bring their kayak or canoe. A limited number of canoes and kayaks are available for use. Volunteers must call 475-7047 and sign up in advance for a canoe or kayak.
- **Barrier Islands** (requires boat) – west end and southern tip of Cat Island, Horn, Petit Bois, East and West Ship islands. (In the event of a small craft advisory, barrier islands volunteers should report to the Jones Park/Gulfport Harbor site.)

Volunteers in Hancock County are invited for hotdogs and drinks starting at 11 a.m. at Washington Street Pier pavilion in Bay St. Louis, courtesy of the Office of Congressman Gene Taylor, the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and BB's Snowballs. In Jackson County, there will be a picnic for volunteers at the Estuarine Education Center at MGCCC in Gautier compliments of Chevron and The Shed Barbeque & Blues Joint between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. only the day of the event.

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The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is sponsored by the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, which is made up of representatives from Ashman & Son Construction; Chevron Pascagoula Refinery; City of Gulfport; City of Moss Point; City of Ocean Springs; City of Pascagoula; Coastal Rivers; DMR Marine Patrol; Eco-Tours of South Mississippi; Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; Gulf Islands National Seashore; Gulfport Police Department; Hancock County Chamber of Commerce; Hard Rock Café; Harrison County Beautification; Harrison County Board of Supervisors; Harrison County Sand Beach Department; Harrison County Sheriff's Department; Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Jackson County Solid Waste; Keep Mississippi Beautiful; Keesler Air Force Base; Mississippi Air National Guard CRTG-Gulfport; Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services; Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center; Naval Construction Battalion Center; Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce; Office of Congressman Gene Taylor; Office of the Mississippi Secretary of State; Rotary International District 6840; Sea Coast Echo; U.S. Coast Guard and Waste Management.

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