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Zone Captain's Handbook

2008

A note from the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force

The 20th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Mississippi's Coastal Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup—the world's largest cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment.

We have developed this handbook for you to use as a guide to implementing a safe, fun and educational cleanup in your zone. This guide contains a list of supplies provided for each zone, what to expect on the day of the cleanup, how to contact your county coordinator, safety tips, as well as a complete list of cleanup sites and zone captains in the three coastal counties. If you have questions or concerns not addressed in this handbook, please contact your city or county coordinator.

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is part of Take Pride in America, a national partnership that aims to seek, support and recognize volunteers who work to improve our natural and cultural resources.

The Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force thanks you for your environmental stewardship and your willingness to serve as a Coastal Cleanup zone captain. We look forward to seeing you on the big day!

Sincerely,

Lauren Thompson, Chair, Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force
State Coordinator, International Coastal Cleanup

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Supply Checklist

What you need to bring:

- Table
- Chairs
- Ice chest
- Ice
- Tent (if desired)
- Work gloves
- Insect repellent
- Comfortable, protective shoes
- Sunscreen and hat
- Camera to catch volunteers in action or peculiar debris

What Coastal Cleanup will provide for your station:

- 1 sign-in/hold harmless agreement (to be signed by all 21 and over)
- 20 registration forms with liability release (for those under 21, to be signed by parent)
- 1 5-gallon bucket for sharp objects to be placed in
- 1 18" x 24" Data Detective poster to be displayed at site
- 1 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup yard sign
- 1 Volunteer Instruction sign
- 1 "Pocket Guide to Marine Debris"
- 1 light blue photo release sign to be displayed at site
- 1 bright pink liability release sign to be displayed at site
- Water
- 1 first aid kit for minor scrapes and cuts
- 1 roll of tape with dispenser (to be used for signs)
- Fluorescent flags (to mark hazardous material and entangled animals, live or dead)
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- Cell phone (if needed)
- Yellow zone captain T-shirts (must be worn day of cleanup so captains are visible)
- Supplies for volunteers (see page 3): Data Cards pencils
 gloves trash bags clipboards
- Thank-you gifts, meal cards for volunteers

Cell Phones

Cell phones will be provided for the day of the cleanup by Cellular South and Chevron to zone captains who do not have cellular service. If you need a cell phone, let your county coordinator know no later than Oct. 10. Phones must be returned to coordinators by Oct. 20.

Setup

You and your zone team should arrive at the meeting site well ahead of time to set up for the day's activities.

What you need to do upon arrival:

- Set up table(s), chairs and tent (if needed).
- Post Mississippi Coastal Cleanup yard sign.
- Post Volunteer Instruction sign where it can easily be read by volunteers lining up.
- Set up volunteer supplies (trash bags, data cards/clipboards, pencils, gloves, thank-you gifts and meal cards) for distribution.
- Tape bright pink hold harmless/liability release sign and pale blue photo release sign in a visible spot.
- Post Data Detective poster in a visible spot.
- Ice down plenty of water in your ice chest(s).

Sign-in

All adults over 21 must sign the sign-up/liability release form. For anyone under the age of 21 who has not pre-registered, a stack of registration forms will be provided for parents to sign the release.

Remind all parents that small children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Supplies to distribute to each PAIR of volunteers at sign-in:






- 1 Data Card (Spanish cards are available)
- 1 pencil
- 2 pairs of gloves
- 3 trash bags
- 1 clipboard

Gifts distributed to each volunteer AFTER handing in completed Data Card:






- ___ 1 eco-friendly tote bag
- ___ 1 meal card (see lunch options below)

Instructions for volunteers:




Refer volunteers to the Volunteer Instruction sign. To speed up the sign-in process, you may want to appoint someone to instruct volunteers in groups right after signing in.

-  Volunteers should work in pairs. One should fill out the Data Card while the other holds the trash bag and picks up debris.
-  Remind volunteers of the importance of the Data Cards. Explain that they not only help the state of Mississippi in national and international cleanup rankings, but also help guide federal regulation on marine debris.
-  Show volunteers how to fill out the Data Cards. Refer them to the Data Detective poster.
-  Volunteers will document their first bag of trash on the Data Card, and then turn in the completed card.
-  Volunteers should note the location of any hazardous material, stranded or entangled marine life (live or dead) and inform zone captain or helpers. They should mark these items on the Data Card, but warn them not to go near 55-gallon drums or 5-gallon buckets because they may contain hazardous chemicals.

Hazardous Material

-  If you or volunteers find any 55-gallon drums, 5-gallon buckets, car batteries or any other debris that may contain hazardous chemicals, do not touch or dispose of the waste.
-  Mark the hazardous waste with the fluorescent flags provided.
-  Contact your coordinator and tell them what kind of waste and where it is located. They will contact someone to dispose of the waste properly.
-  If you find sharp objects, such as broken glass or needles, carefully place the debris in the 5-gallon bucket provided for your zone.
-  You may need to wear work gloves to pick up some of the debris.

Marine Life

-  If either a sea turtle or marine mammal is found stranded (dead or alive), note the location and immediately notify your coordinator.
-  Mark any live or dead entangled sea life with a fluorescent flag and call your county coordinator.
-  Dead fish (not entangled in debris) do not need to be flagged.

Trash Disposal

Hancock County:

Along Beach Boulevard, volunteers are asked to place bags of trash on the beach-side shoulder to be collected by county litter crews. In other areas of the county, ask your coordinator for instructions on trash collection.

Harrison County:

Trash bags should be placed along the sea wall to be picked up by the Harrison County Sand Beach Department. For other locations, place bags in the trucks/dumpsters provided or contact your coordinator for instructions.

Jackson County:

Trash bags should be placed in the dumpster at your site. If your site does not have a dumpster, contact your coordinator for instructions.

Lunch

Harrison County:

Jones Park/Gulfport Harbor, Gulfport, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., lunch ticket required, courtesy of High Cotton Grill

Hancock County:

Cookout at Washington Street Pier pavilion, Bay St. Louis, sponsored by Office of Congressman Gene Taylor, the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and BB's Snowballs

Jackson County:

MGCCC Jackson County Campus, Estuarine Education Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., lunch ticket required, courtesy of Chevron and The Shed

Data Reporting

Your county coordinator will provide you with a Summary Card to record the results of the Data Cards collected from volunteers.

The following information must be called in to your county coordinator by noon Sept. 20, the day of the cleanup:

- ___ Number of volunteers at your site.
- ___ Number of bags collected.
- ___ Number of miles
- ___ Any unusual debris found

Summary Cards and liability release/sign-in sheets must be returned to your coordinator during the week following the cleanup. Compiling data may seem daunting and time-consuming, but timely completion is crucial to accurate data reporting to the Ocean Conservancy and the International Coastal Cleanup. The data are used not only to rank the state of Mississippi in the national and international cleanup, but also to help guide federal regulation on marine debris.

TIP: Recruit a team prior to the cleanup or enlist trustworthy volunteers, such as high school students, church groups, during sign-up to collect completed Data Cards from volunteers and compile the numbers on site. Don't hesitate to ask coordinators for help. They are dedicated to getting a complete picture of the success of our cleanup.

Returning Unused Supplies

ALL UNUSED SUPPLIES, CELL PHONES, LIABILITY RELEASE FORMS, REGISTRATION FORMS AND COMPLETED DATA AND SUMMARY CARDS MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR COORDINATOR DURING THE WEEK AFTER THE CLEANUP.

Please consult with your coordinator to set up date and time for return. It is important to return all unused items so they may be saved for next year's cleanup.

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Zone Captains

Barrier Islands — Terry Wildy, 323-0548 or 875-9057 ext. 111

Cat Island

East Ship Island

Horn Island

Petit Bois

West Ship Island

Hancock County

Bayside Park, Hwy. 90 West - Mike Kane, 467-8166

Diamondhead Community - Susan Jenkin, 255-7791

Kiln Community, Hwy 603 - Thomas Stoltz, 466-5945 or 363-1639

Bay St. Louis:

Bay St. Louis Depot District - Susan Duffy, 463-9222

Bayou La Croix to Breath's Bayou, Hwy 603 - Jackie Kidd, 216-3545
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Beach Blvd., mouth of the Jourdan River to Dunbar Avenue - Maria
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Beach Blvd., from Hwy. 90 to Bookter Street - Basil Kennedy, 467-
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Beach Blvd., from Bookter Street to Bay Oaks Drive - Rachel Davis,
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(678) 485-9620

Garden Isles Community, Washington/Chapman streets - Sam Moore,
344-8545

Waveland:

Beach Blvd., Coleman Avenue to Buccaneer State Park - David
Matthews, 305-0211

Clermont Harbor:

Beach Blvd., Buccaneer State Park to Pointset Avenue - Millie Church
Usher, 332-2009

Lakeshore:

Beach Blvd., Pointset Avenue to mouth of Bayou Caddy - David
Hilbert, 424-9553

Harrison County

Biloxi:

Deer Island - Dr. Irene McIntosh, 326-5468; Dr. Ed Cake, 324-9292

Forrest Ave. Pier - Mark Tran, 235-5077

Hiller Park - Lt. Justin DeLorit, 348-2695; Traci Floyd, 523-4068

Keegan Bayou (military assigned) - Joshua Eichelberger, 236-5236

Keesler Marina (military assigned) - Justin DeLorit, 348-2695

Rodenberg Avenue - Melanie Lane, 523-4076; Nona Koon, 327-0188

D'Iberville:

D'Iberville Boat Launch - Al Gombos- 392-9734 or 348-0203

Fountain Pier - Al Gombos, 392-9734 or 348-0203

Gulfport:

Courthouse Road - Jolie Machado, 214-1405

DeBuys/Cowan-Lorraine Road - Candice Poulos, 669-8835

Gulfport Lake (military assigned) - Jodee Stawowy, 214-6014

James Hill Park- Candice Poulos, 669-8835

Jones Park/Gulfport Harbor - Robin Dozier, 864-0254

Kremer Landing- Susan Church, 860-6925

Lower Turkey Creek - Lettie Caldwell, 864-1448; Russell Freeman,
343-3611

Long Beach:

Long Beach Harbor - Pat Hudson, 214-2323 or 313-2387

Pass Christian:

Pass Christian Harbor - Kathie Short, 234-1256

Jackson County

Belle Fontaine Beach - Tom Boone, 872-1510; Dawne Hard,
388-0080

Bluff Creek - Randy Emmons, 588-3967

Pollock Ferry Landing- Tiffany Ishee, 872-8340

Singing River Island (closed)- Desiree Howell, 938-8027

Ocean Springs:

Davis Bayou (GINS) - Terry Wildy, 875-9057 x111; 323-0548

East Beach - Joyce Shaw, 324-6791

Fort Bayou Boat Launch & Waterway - Cindy Moncreiff, 875-1474

Front Beach - Kyle Smith, 875-4415

Graveline Bayou Pier & Boat Launch - Mike Riser, 218-5477
Gulf Park Estates Public Fishing Pier - Ben Mullen, 217-3013

Gautier:

Gautier City Park - Sonya Edwards, 497-7680; Todd Adams,
497-7738

Graveline Rd/Shepard State Park - Sonya Edwards, 497-7680; Todd
Adams, 497-7738

Indian Point/Sioux Bayou (closed) - Jeff Wilkinson, 217-8687; Kathy
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Pine Island/West Pascagoula River (must have boat) - Dan Cambre,
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West Pascagoula River Bridge (closed) - Sonya Edwards, 497-7680;
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Moss Point:

I-10 Boat Launch - Joyce Nelson, 497-1778

The Riverfront (Moss Point) - Joyce Nelson, 497-1778

Hwy 63 Boat Ramp - Joyce Nelson, 497-1778

Pascagoula:

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The River Park - Ann Burgo, 938-6612

Round Island - Ann Burgo, 938-6612

Old Spanish Fort - Ann Burgo, 938-6612

I.G. Levy Park - Ann Burgo, 938-6612

Grand Bay NERR

Grand Bay NERR (Bayou Heron) - Tom Strange, 475-7047 or
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Sponsors

- SEA TURTLE:** Chevron Pascagoula Refinery; High Cotton Grill; Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
- SHARK:** Beverage Association of Mississippi; Delta Sanitation of Mississippi, LLC; Hancock County Board of Supervisors; Ocean Conservancy; Ship Island Excursions; The Sun Herald; Waste Management
- DOLPHIN:** Allen Beverages, Inc.; Coast Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Inc.; Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Consolidated; Domino's Pizza; Fisher Scientific; Lamar Advertising of South Mississippi; Milner Rental Center; Mississippi Media; The Shed Barbeque & Blues Joint
- COBIA:** Biloxi-D'Iberville Press; City of Biloxi; Island View Casino Resort; K99FM, Magic 93.7, 92.5 The Beat and News Radio 104.9; Mississippi Department of Transportation; Sam's Club; Sea Coast Echo; Sorg Printing; WLOX-TV 13
- MULLET:** BB's Bar-B-Que & Snak Shak; Cellular South; Coast Electric; Desporte's Biloxi Paper Company; The Dive Shop; Hancock Medical Center

Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force

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| Chevron Pascagoula Refinery | CRTC-Gulfport |
| City of Gulfport | Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium |
| City of Moss Point | Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality |
| City of Ocean Springs | Mississippi Department of Marine Resources |
| City of Pascagoula | Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services |
| Coastal Rivers | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College |
| DMR Marine Patrol | Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center |
| Eco-Tours of South Mississippi | Naval Construction Battalion Center |
| Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve | Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce |
| Gulf Islands National Seashore | Office of Congressman Gene Taylor |
| Gulfport Police Department | Office of the Mississippi Secretary of State |
| Hancock County Chamber of Commerce | Rotary International District 6840 |
| Hard Rock Cafe | Sea Coast Echo |
| Harrison County Beautification | U.S. Coast Guard |
| Harrison County Board of Supervisors | Waste Management |
| Harrison County Sand Beach Department | |
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| Jackson County Chamber of Commerce | |
| Jackson County Solid Waste Department | |
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Safety first!



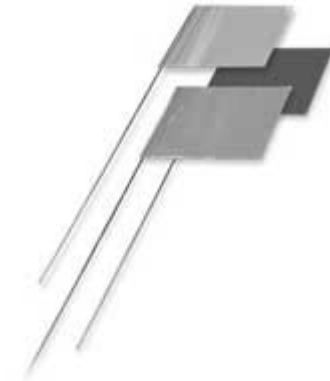
- Stay away from large drums or five-gallon buckets. Report their location to the cleanup coordinator or proper authorities.
- Wear gloves to collect the debris.
- Be careful of glass, syringes or other sharp objects.
- Don't lift anything heavy.
- Stay out of dune areas.
- Avoid stepping on dune plants and beach grasses.
- Watch for and avoid wildlife.
- Notify your zone captain immediately if you see any stranded, injured or entangled animals.

Things to bring

- Plenty of water
- Sunscreen and a hat to protect yourself from the sun
- Insect repellent
- Comfortable, closed-toe shoes to protect your feet
- A camera to document volunteers in action or any strange items you may find
- Work gloves or rubber gloves

NOTICE

Watch out for hazardous waste!



Each site will receive 25 flags to be used to mark 55-gallon drums and 5-gallon buckets that may contain hazardous waste and also to mark the location of live or dead animal entanglements. Please alert volunteers that these flags are available at the zone captain station.