



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Haley Barbour
Governor

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

William W. Walker, Ph.D., Executive Director

July 16, 2009

Dear Community Leader,

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources—lead agency for the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup—would like to extend this opportunity to you to become a sponsor of the 21st Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009. The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, the planet's largest volunteer cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment.

In 2008, international and local results were phenomenal:

International—390,000 volunteers collected 6.8 million pounds of debris along 16,943 miles of shoreline worldwide.

Local—2,300 volunteers in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties collected 142,000 pounds of debris along 132 miles of our shorelines, bayous, beaches and waterways.

This award-winning hands-on community event educates people about the issue of marine debris. Volunteers become scientists for a day, collecting marine trash and recording valuable information about the quantity and types of debris being collected.

Attached is a list of items needed for the cleanup. Monetary donations are always welcome. Please also see the Sponsorship Levels pdf file. On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Thompson".

Lauren Thompson, Public Relations Director
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
State Coordinator, Mississippi Coastal Cleanup



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Things needed for a successful Mississippi Coastal Cleanup:

- Advertising
- Hand Sanitizer
- Trash Bags
- Sharpened Pencils
- Non-Latex Rubber Gloves
- Work Gloves
- First Aid Kits
- Clear Packing Tape
- Signs
- Trash Grabbers
- Poles with hooks on the end for boaters reaching for trash

Thank you for your support!
Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force