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32nd Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup Set for September 21

Mobile, AL: Alabama Coastal Cleanup, the state's largest one-day volunteer event, returns for its 32nd year on Saturday, September 21. Residents, visitors, businesses, and groups are organizing to pick up trash and recycle near one of over 30 coastal zone locations. The event runs from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Volunteers are needed on foot, on water, and at the zones to help recycle.

For the third year in a row, recycling will take place at each of the zones. Volunteers will be asked to separate #1 plastic bottles and aluminum cans from the dumpster waste stream. In addition, organizers are asking participants to bring their own reusable water bottles to help cut down on the use of plastic. Bottled water will still be available in limited quantities.

Each year, the Coastal Cleanup brings together more than 5,000 volunteers working across southern Alabama to better our waterways. Volunteers are needed at cleanup sites in Mobile and Baldwin counties. The event provides a t-shirt and basic cleanup supplies for active participants. For more information or to contact a cleanup site zone captain with participation questions, visit www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com or call (251) 928-9792. You can also follow Alabama Coastal Cleanup on Facebook for news and announcements.

The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is made possible by the generosity of many, including 2019 returning Title Sponsor—the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Other sponsors and volunteer organizations include NOAA, Ike's Beach Service, Airbus, LogoBrander, Bebo's, Alabama Power Company, LuLu's, City of Gulf Shores, City of Orange Beach, Riviera Utilities, Utility Board of Gulf Shores, Baldwin EMC, Flora-Bama, The Home Depot, MAWWS, Evonik, ExxonMobil, Republic Services, Volkert, Inc, Coastal Conservation Association AL, Compass Media, Coast 360, ALDOT, ALFA, Coca Cola, Vulcan Materials, Honda Manufacturing, AL Farmers Cooperative, Association of County Commissions of AL, Weeks Bay Foundation, Osprey Initiative and Thompson Engineering.

The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is coordinated through the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the Alabama People Against a Littered State (PALS). It is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, an international effort to remove marine debris from coastal waters. Alabama joined this effort in 1987. The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) is the largest single-day volunteer event for the marine environment.

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Coastal Cleanup at a Glance

What: 32nd Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup
When: Saturday, September 21, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Where: 30+ locations around Mobile, Baldwin, and other counties
Go to: www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com to find a zone nearest you
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaCoastalCleanup/>

Coastal Cleanup Participation Safety Tips

Here are a few safety tips to help *“Get the Trash out of the Splash!”*

- Drink plenty of fluids. Bring a reusable water bottle.
- Bring sunscreen, a hat and wear comfortable shoes.
- An adult should supervise children at all times.
- Be careful near sand dunes and other fragile ecosystems.
- Please do not attempt to remove dangerous or heavy items yourself. Mark the location and report back to the Zone Captain.