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2025 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Hi there! Welcome to the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program Seasonal Newsletter.

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program (MSCCP) is an educational program that promotes the conservation of our local marine environment by influencing active stewardship within our community. This program is housed at the Mississippi State University's Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, MS. Check out what we've been up to!

STAR-SPANGLED CLEANUP

On Saturday, July 5th, **158 volunteers** braved the heat for our 2025 Star-Spangled Cleanup! This cleanup is aimed at removing remaining firework debris from the beaches before it can be washed or blown into the Mississippi Sound. During this time, we also have our beloved shorebirds nesting, making it a top priority to keep our beaches clean and free of debris. Overflowing trash bins and litter put chicks at risk for predation and entanglement.

During this cleanup, **nearly 2,200 pounds** of debris and trash were collected, filling over 204 bags. The top 5 items found were **fireworks (6,316)**, **plastic pieces (1,815)**, **cigarette butts (944)**, **food wrappers (652)**, and **plastic beverage bottles (538)**.



2191.78
LBS OF TRASH

158 VOLUNTEERS



204 BAGS
OF TRASH



6,316
FIREWORKS



CMEP TEACHER WORKSHOP

This June, MSCCP joined numerous other amazing programs in a Coastal and Marine Extension Program Teacher Workshop. During this workshop, MSCCP staff presented on our educational opportunities to a diverse group of teachers. They examined microplastics under a microscope and then headed outside for a short boat trip to Deer Island for nurdle patrol and a cleanup!

16 teachers braved the heat and collected **34 pounds** of debris and trash.

REQUEST A B N



Can't make it to one of our scheduled events? The MSCCP can provide groups with guidance and all the supplies they need to **perform their very own cleanup**. *Our only requirement - volunteers must collect data!* We do this at each of our cleanup events and we want to know how much and what types of trash you are picking up. Supplies provided include gloves, trash bags, trash grabbers, buckets, a first aid kit, hand sanitizer, hanging scale, and data collection materials.

So far in 2025, **209 Request a Bin volunteers** have collected **807 lbs. of litter** in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties.

[**REQUEST A BIN INFO**](#)



SMALL GROUP CLEANUPS

This year, we have coordinated several small-scale cleanups with community partners, including the Harrison County 4-H Home School Club, Boardwalk Pipelines Gulf South Region, Marietta FUMC Youth Choir, and Pacacito Summer Camp. Through these efforts, **193 volunteers** have **removed 653 pounds of** litter from Harrison County Beaches.


193 VOLUNTEERS

REMOVED
653
LBS OF TRASH



A photograph of two women walking away from the camera on a sandy beach towards the ocean. The woman on the left is wearing a grey tank top, orange shorts, and a pink cap, carrying a blue bucket and a long-handled tool. The woman on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic, black shorts, and sandals, also carrying a blue bucket. The ocean is in the background under a blue sky with clouds.

- **Petit Bois Island Cleanup**
August 9th | Petit Bois Island
- **Horn Island Cleanup**
September 12th | Horn Island
- **Petit Bois Island Cleanup**
October 10 | Petit Bois Island
- **Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Event**
October 18th | Locations across the MS Gulf Coast

EVENT CALENDAR

See you at the beach!



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