

# Help Clean the Beach



KEEP OUR BEACH CLEAN BECAUSE YOU  
- CAN KILL ANIMALS!





The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup features thousands of volunteers who pick up tons of trash. During the 2017 cleanup, 1,763 volunteers picked up more than 13 tons of litter from more than 40 sites along the coast. Plastic bottles, straws, wrappers, and cigarette butts made up most of the garbage removed from Mississippi's coastline, waterways, and barrier islands.

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**T**he Mississippi State University Extension Service partners with the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force to organize, promote, and lead the annual event, which Extension has coordinated for the past two years. Extension provides education that empowers people to make informed decisions about their families, jobs, and the environment.





On the day of the 2017 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup, community members came together at 8 a.m. The campaign is usually held each October to avoid the potential impacts of hurricane season, but severe weather concerns forced organizers to reschedule the 2017 Coastal Cleanup to November just before Thanksgiving. Generous sponsors offered lunches to the volunteers on-site.

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**A**long with nearly 20,000 plastic bottles, volunteers also collected close to 50,000 cigarette butts at the 2017 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup. Altogether, more than 26,000 pounds of trash were collected, including discarded beverage cans, plastic and paper bags, and cups and plates.

Have A  
Do your Part



Help little shelly he is alone in the big sea



Volunteers covered more than 200 miles of Mississippi's coastlines, waterways, and barrier islands as they collected the litter polluting the Gulf Coast. Extension specialists are developing corresponding educational programming to promote the importance of proper trash disposal and demonstrate methods for reducing and properly disposing of trash.

Keep All our Beaches  
Clean!





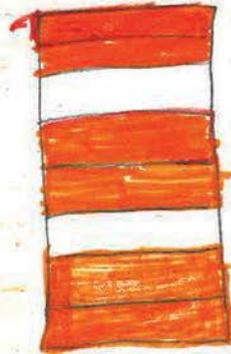
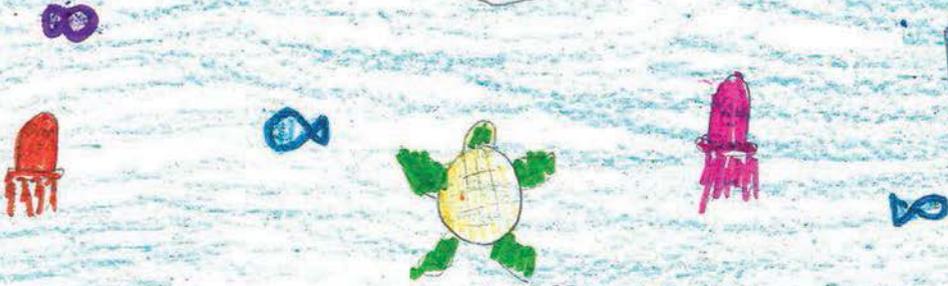
Volunteers received trash and recycling bags, along with data cards, to remove and report litter. The data cards allowed volunteers to describe what they found so the sources of marine debris could be determined. Pollution-prevention and pollution-education campaigns were then developed for the state, region, nation, and world.





One entangled pelican was discovered during the 2017 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup. The Wildlife Care and Rescue Center was notified and ensured the bird was released safely.

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nyone who registered online for the 2017 Mississippi Coastal Cleanup will receive an automatic email notification to sign up for the 2018 cleanup, to be held Saturday, October 20, 2018. To be added to the list, you may sign up at [http://mscoastalcleanup.org/contact\\_us](http://mscoastalcleanup.org/contact_us).

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**M**ost Mississippi Coastal Cleanup volunteers wore gloves to avoid the sharp edges of some garbage, as well as foot protection in water to protect their feet from cuts from shells. When volunteers discovered trash that was too heavy to lift comfortably, they contacted their zone captains to arrange for removal.



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he Mississippi Gulf Coast is home to some of the nation's most productive finfish and shellfish waters, as well as their supporting coastal wetlands. The coast is rich in natural resources, so protecting and maintaining its lands and waters through the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup protects those resources for future generations.



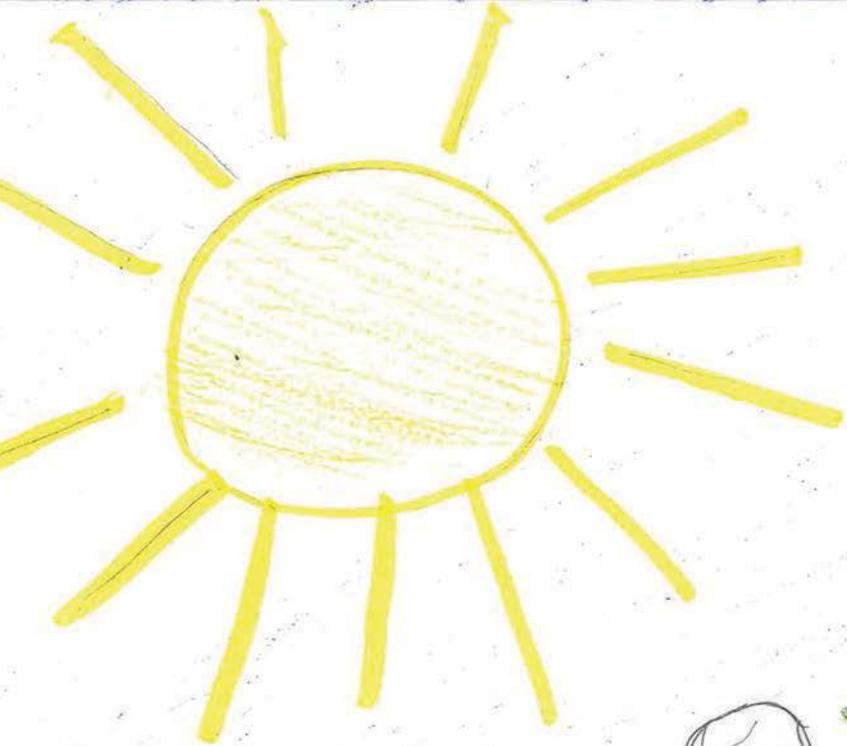
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While the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup effort attracts thousands of volunteers each year, Extension and Task Force organizers want to stop littering before the trash reaches the water. Discover more about Mississippi land debris, including where it comes from, how long it lasts in the environment, and how you can make a difference, at <http://msuext.ms/why3v>.

Keep the beach clean!



7/11/11 *unlabeled* Betting

**M**ake a difference, one bag at a time! Every October, thousands of concerned citizens take to the streets and beaches all along the Gulf Coast to pick up trash that can pollute our waterways and endanger the lives of countless animals. Won't you join us on October 20, 2018? Sign up today at <http://mscoastalcleanup.org>!





The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup is an important part of the International Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by Ocean Conservancy. By removing garbage from the Gulf Coast, volunteers are benefiting the environment and setting a positive example of good environmental stewardship. This volunteer effort is one of the largest in the state.



I Love  
Keeping animals  
and reptiles  
safe!

Saving  
our  
community  
is  
awesome

**I**f you're passionate about cleaning up the Mississippi Gulf Coast all year long, contact Extension's Coastal Cleanup Program Team. They can give you supplies to help you do your part to keep the coast clean. Visit <http://mscoastalcleanup.org>, click on "Contact Us," and connect with Extension professionals who are as passionate about clean air, land, and water as you are!

**S**ince 1988, thousands of volunteers have gathered each fall to remove millions of pounds of trash from Mississippi's coastline, waterways, and barrier islands.

To become a volunteer or sponsor for the annual event, organized by the Mississippi State University Extension Service and the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, visit <http://mscoastalcleanup.org> today!

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