



MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP PROGRAM

2025 SPRING 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!

MARDI GRAS CLEANUP KREWE

This year, we tried something new and teamed up with Oceanic Global and Corona USA for a post-parade Mardi Gras Cleanup. Thanks to **108 volunteers**, we made a huge impact-- collecting **461.98 lbs of trash**, with **255.28 lbs of just beads**!

Thanks to Osprey initiative, we were able to divert 80.02 lbs of usable beads from the landfill to be cleaned and reused next year!



SMALL GROUP CLEANUPS

This year, we have coordinated several small-scale cleanups with community partners, including the Harrison County 4-H Home School Club and Boardwalk Pipelines Gulf South Region. Through these efforts, **29 volunteers have removed 202.97 lbs** of litter from Harrison County Beaches.



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, 146 Request a Bin volunteers have collected 493.55 lbs. of litter in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties.



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BRANDON LIBRARY KIDS CONNECTION

MSCCP staff visited the Brandon Public Library for their Kids Connection Spring Break Program. Students learned about the many programs and projects happening at our offices in Biloxi. Participants got to see themselves in infrared on the big screen using a drone, learn about microplastics, and view microplastics under a microscope.



ANCHORED IN GIVING EVENT

MSCCP was invited to join a panel discussion for the Order of Glaucus' and Glaucus Harbor Foundation's Fourth Annual Anchored in Giving Soiree. The event celebrates community service, learning, and networking. At this derby themed event, local charities and nonprofit organizations were invited to speak to attendees about what kind of work they do. We were delighted to be a part of this event and look forward to future partnerships with the Order.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are our upcoming events. All events have online registration volunteers must fill out prior to attending.

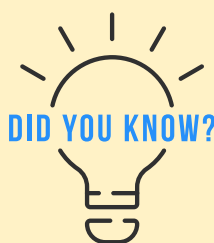
- **Sand Jam Cleanup**
May 31 | Pascagoula Beach Park
- **Star-Spangled Cleanup**
July 5 | location coast-wide
- **Annual Cleanup**
October 18 | locations coast-wide

*** Please note, weather happens! Therefore, all events are subject to cancellation.*

EVENT CALENDAR



See you at the beach!



Though commonly thought to be made of cotton, **cigarette butts are made from a form of plastic** called Cellulose Acetate.

Cellulose Acetate takes **at least 10 years to break down**, turning into persistent micro- and nano-plastics.

COMING SOON! Stay Tuned!

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup and Inland Cleanup Programs have teamed up with The Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain for an exciting new project coming in 2026! We will be hosting a state-wide High School Trash Free Waters Art and Slogan Competition and are busy laying down the foundational work now.

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