



**CLEAN OCEAN ACTION
JUNIOR BEACH SWEEPS CAPTAIN
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Title: "Junior Beach Captain" for Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps
Supervisor: Alison McCarthy, Coastal Watershed Protection Coordinator
Goal: Assist in leading a Beach Sweep event at a specific location to increase participation especially by youth. Beach Sweeps is a citizen science and action event to help stop ocean pollution. The data collected about debris at your local site will help spread the message about the dangers of litter in the marine environment.

- Major Responsibilities:**
- ✓ Attend a Beach Sweeps training session by Clean Ocean Action
 - ✓ Post and distribute flyers at school and throughout your town before the Sweeps
 - ✓ Encourage fellow students and school groups to register to participate, including through social media
 - ✓ On the day of the Beach Sweeps attend the Sweep for the entire event, arriving ½ hour early to assist the adult Beach Sweep Captain in all ways, including:
 - following instructions
 - assisting in organizing and distributing materials
 - instructing volunteers about the correct Sweeps process and data collection
 - helping to enforce proper sorting of collected materials
 - taking photos of volunteers and send to COA
 - assisting with Master Data Card compilation
 - assisting with clean-up

- Time Commitments:**
- ✓ One hour information and training session for all new Junior Beach Sweeps Captains prior to sweeps
 - ✓ In-person meeting preferred, but at least have a phone meeting with your specific site’s Beach Captain. Must be arranged between you and the Captain.
 - ✓ Two hours to post flyers in town and in your school one month prior to event(s)
 - ✓ One Saturday in the spring and one Saturday in the fall from 8:15am-1pm (actual event is 9am-12:30pm)

- Qualifications:**
- ✓ Physical ability to walk the beach and to lift medium size trash bags and large items
 - ✓ Communication and networking skills to promote the Sweeps (post flyers, send emails, deliver announcements at school)
 - ✓ Enthusiasm for the environment
 - ✓ **Must be at least 15 years of age**
 - ✓ **Must have signed approval from a parent or guardian to participate**

Training & Preparations:
No previous experience is necessary, but preference is given to those who have participated in previous Beach Sweeps. Guidelines, tips, and assistance will be provided by Clean Ocean Action; however, you must attend the Beach Sweep training sessions held in the spring and fall prior to each Beach Sweep, as well as talk with your designated site Beach Captain.

Location: Local ocean, river, or stream shoreline as determined by Clean Ocean Action

- Benefits to the Volunteer:**
- ✓ Help protect the ocean by removing debris that litters beaches and endangers marine life
 - ✓ Leadership training to motivate peers and make a difference in your community
 - ✓ Learn important skills for responsibility and coordination
 - ✓ Improve knowledge of science and public policy
 - ✓ Be part of a statewide (international in the fall) citizen science event
 - ✓ Obtain valuable community service hours
 - ✓ Meet people who share goal to improve and protect the environment

To apply to be a Junior Beach Captain, you will need to sign below, complete application, and return all documents to COA by September 7th.

Acknowledgement and Signatures:
"I have read over the position description with a parent and understand the responsibilities of a Junior Beach Captain. I will attend the training session and stay in regular contact with the assigned Beach Captain and the Coastal Watershed Protection Coordinator at Clean Ocean Action."

Junior Captain Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____



JUNIOR BEACH SWEEPS CAPTAIN APPLICATION

Complete and return with the signed Volunteer Description to Alison McCarthy, Coastal Watershed Protection Coordinator, at outreach@cleanoceanaction.org **by September 7th**.

CONTACT INFO

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Town: _____ School: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFO

Full Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

_____ has my permission to participate in Clean Ocean Action's Junior Beach Sweeps Captain program. I understand that my child will be responsible for the tasks outlined on the Junior Beach Sweeps Captain Volunteer Description. Please review those responsibilities with your child prior to giving your permission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the COA office.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

PREFERRED LOCATIONS

Please review the attached list of Beach Sweeps locations, and list your top three preferred locations below. Beach Sweeps locations are subject to change. We will try to match you with your sites in order of preference, but we cannot guarantee that you will be assigned to your top choice.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

QUALIFICATIONS

In the space below, please list any leadership experience you may have:

(over)



In the space below or in a separate attachment, please describe why you would like to be a Junior Beach Captain in 250 words or fewer.

BEACH SWEEPS LOCATIONS *(tentative)*

Atlantic County

Atlantic City
Brigantine
Galloway
Longport
Margate
Ventnor City

Burlington County

Palmyra

Cape May County

Avalon
Cape May
Del Haven
North Wildwood
Ocean City
Sea Isle City
Stone Harbor
Villas
Wildwood
Wildwood Crest

Essex County

Glen Ridge/Montclair

Middlesex County

South Amboy - Raritan Bay
Waterfront Park

Ocean County

Bay Head
Brick
Island Beach State Park
Lavallette
Long Beach Island
Point Pleasant
Point Pleasant Beach
Seaside Heights
Seaside Park
Toms River

Monmouth County

Aberdeen
Asbury Park
Atlantic Highlands
Avon
Bradley Beach
Deal
Highlands
Keansburg
Keyport
Leonardo
Loch Arbour & Allenhurst
Long Branch
Manasquan
Middletown
Ocean Grove
Red Bank
Sea Bright
Sea Girt
Spring Lake
Union Beach

