



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

- Title:** “Junior Beach Captain” for Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps
- Supervisor:** Alison Jones, Watershed Program 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 mandatory Junior Beach Captain training session held by Clean Ocean Action**
- ✓ Post and distribute flyers on social media, 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 but not limited to:
  - assisting in organizing and distributing materials
  - assisting with set up and breakdown
  - instructing volunteers about the correct Sweeps process and data collection
  - helping to enforce proper sorting of collected materials (recycling vs. trash)
  - taking photos of volunteers to share with COA
  - assisting with data compilation

**Time Commitments:**

- ✓ **Mandatory 1 hour information and training session for all Junior Beach Sweeps Captains prior to Sweeps**
- ✓ Prior to the Sweeps, communication by phone or email with your assigned Beach Captain.
- ✓ At least two hours to promote the event via social media and/or posting flyers, direct outreach to contacts (e.g. school club, community group, family, friends) prior to the Sweeps
- ✓ Day of the Beach Sweeps: one Saturday in April and one Saturday in October from 8:30am-1:00pm

**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**

**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 prior to each Beach Sweep.

**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
- ✓ Obtain valuable community service hours
- ✓ Meet people who share goal to improve and protect the environment

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To apply to be a Junior Beach Captain, you will need to sign below, complete application, and return completed documents to [outreach@CleanOceanAction.org](mailto:outreach@CleanOceanAction.org). All Junior Beach Captains must attend a training session to be held on a weekday evening prior to the Beach Sweeps.

**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  
(Print Junior Beach Captain name)  
with the assigned Beach Captain and the Watershed Program Coordinator at Clean Ocean Action."*

Junior Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Clean Ocean Action will be implementing COVID-19 safety protocols at the 2021 Beach Sweeps. The protocols can be viewed on COA's website here: <http://cleanoceanaction.org/index.php?id=862>. These protocols are subject to change. As a participant of the Beach Sweeps, Junior Beach Captains are expected to adhere to these protocols. Please read them carefully, then sign below.

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, have carefully read COA's COVID-19 Protocols for Beach Sweeps volunteers and agree to adhere to all requirements.*

Junior Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**COVID-19 Waiver:** *By submitting this form, I hereby release and discharge COA and the Beach Sweeps sponsors, and their respective agents and employees from and against any and all liability, including for any losses, damages or injuries, including the contraction of a communicable disease, arising from my participation in the Beach Sweeps.*

I sign this waiver on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Junior Beach Captain name)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JUNIOR BEACH SWEEPS CAPTAIN APPLICATION**

Complete and return with the signed Volunteer Description to Alison Jones, Watershed Program Coordinator, at [outreach@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:outreach@cleanoceanaction.org).

**STUDENT CONTACT INFO**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please note: Communication will primarily be through email. While parents/guardians will be copied on emails, Junior Beach Captains are expected to communicate directly with Clean Ocean Action staff and assigned Beach Captain.**

**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/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERRED BEACH SWEEP SITE LOCATION**

The counties where Beach Sweeps are held are listed below. Please list the counties where you would like to volunteer as a Junior Beach Captain in order of preference below. COA will try to assign you to a Beach Sweeps location in order of preference, but we cannot guarantee that you will be assigned to your top choice.

**Beach Sweeps Counties:** Atlantic Bergen Cape May Essex  
Monmouth Ocean

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**In the space below, please describe any leadership/relevant experience you may have, which may include participation in past Beach Sweeps:**

**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.**

