



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: River and Coastal Cleanup Volunteer
LOCATION: Volusia County, Florida
REPORT TO: Becki O'Keefe, Volunteer Coordinator

OVERVIEW OF POSITION

Trash is one of the most widespread pollution problems threatening our oceans and waterways worldwide – yet it is entirely preventable. Trash is more than just an eyesore. It is a threat to wildlife and ecosystems. It undermines tourism and economic activity, potentially threatening our food supply and human health. When we trash our rivers and oceans, we trash our life support system. The trash we see is just the tip of the iceberg. There is more trash lying unseen beneath the surface and in the open water. River and Coastal Clean Up volunteers can act locally by stopping this trash at its source before it has the chance to entangle and/or endanger wildlife by participating in river and coastal clean ups. There are two main cleanups hosted by Volusia County each year. The International Coastal Clean Up (ICC) is held on the third Saturday in September every year. The ICC targets the Atlantic Ocean beach shoreline and the Halifax/Indian River shorelines on the same date. The St. Johns River Clean Up is held in April every year and focuses on the St. Johns River. There are multiple public and private group site locations along these waterbodies for each event, providing a variety of locations to assist cleaning up at. In addition to these two clean up events, volunteers have the opportunity to participate in other independent clean up events focusing on these shorelines throughout the year.

SPECIFIC TASKS

1. Pick up and separate trash.
2. Accurately record items picked up.
3. Report totals to clean up coordinator and/or site captain.

Certain cleanup projects require site captains. The specific tasks for site captains are as follows:

1. Provide supplies to volunteers.
2. Sign in volunteers.
3. Remind volunteers of proper trash disposal methods.
4. Compile all volunteer trash tally numbers.
5. Pick up and return supplies to cleanup coordinator.

Please note that specific tasks may change depending on the project.

TIME REQUIRED

2-4 HOURS DEPENDING ON PROJECT

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The desire and motivation to protect the natural environment by removing trash and marine debris.
2. The ability to work independently and in a team setting.
3. Physical ability to walk the beach or river banks.
4. Ability to clearly and accurately record items collected on data card (where required).

AGE REQUIREMENTS

There is no minimum age for beach and river clean ups; however, minors must have a parent or guardian sign a liability waiver.

EXPERIENCE

No experience required.

TRAINING REQUIRED

No training required.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT

No minimum

BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER

1. Remove large amounts of trash and marine debris that litters our beaches and rivers and endangers wildlife.
2. Satisfaction of knowing you've played a role in reducing the threats caused by trash and marine debris.
3. Meet people who share a common interest and goal to protect the environment.
4. Students can use volunteer hours for graduation requirements.
5. Great addition to resume!