

News Release

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

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ANNUAL BEACH CLEANUP SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

Refuge Manager Kevin Sloan invites you join to refuge staff and volunteers on Saturday, September 24th for the Annual Beach Cleanup at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Registration will begin at 8:00 am at the Hebert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Parking lot.

The annual beach cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup sponsored by The Ocean Conservancy and Virginia Clean Waterways. Marine debris is a pervasive problem that threatens ocean health. We all depend on the oceans, for food, recreation, transportation, and even for much of the oxygen we breathe. And we all have a responsibility to care for our oceans and the life they hold. Participating in the beach cleanup is a positive, active way to show you value clean oceans and waterways. You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish in one day. You'll be surprised at what you learn about yourself, your neighbors, and your environment.

We hope you'll join us. Be sure to bring water, sunscreen, and wear comfortable footwear. Trash bags, gloves, and data sheets will be provided. Participants will receive a free T-shirt and the entrance fee will be waived.

This year's beach cleanup is sponsored by the Accomack County, Assateague Island National Seashore, Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Chincoteague Natural History Association, Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, The Ocean Conservancy, Virginia Clean Waterways and the Town of Chincoteague.

For information contact the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at 757-336-6122 or email FW5RW_CNWR@fws.gov, or visit website at www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague. The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife

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