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Saturday, September 17

California State Parks Play Big Role In California's Largest Volunteer Event – California Coastal Cleanup Day

California State Parks is joining communities and organizations throughout California to participate in the 21st Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day on **Saturday, September 17**.

California State Parks Director Ruth Coleman said, "This is a very special event, and we invite everyone to join us and participate in the largest volunteer event in California. We're proud of the volunteers who return year after year to help clean up our parks and beaches."

Once again, State Parks is participating with other agencies and corporate sponsors in this statewide program to demonstrate that environmental stewardship is everyone's responsibility. Because California State Parks is struggling with greatly reduced funding, it is particularly important for volunteers to participate in the cleanup endeavor this year. Ongoing maintenance is a major cost to the department throughout the state park system and volunteers can greatly assist in keeping parks clean during these hard times.

To emphasize the importance of community involvement in tackling the state's litter problem, all Californians are invited to organize and participate in cleanup campaigns in their communities. Many of the activities are in conjunction with the California Coastal Commission's Coastal Cleanup Day program.

To participate, volunteers are asked to contact parks and beaches in their community or call the statewide coordinator of the event, the California Coastal Commission, at (800) COAST-4U or www.coastforyou.org.

Here are some of the cleanup events at participating California State Parks. **Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place on Saturday, September 17.**

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CALAVERAS/TUOLUMNE COUNTIES

Calaveras Big Trees State Park is having a cleanup project on September 17. Participants will meet at the park visitor center. Sign up time will be from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The project will begin at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call the park at (209) 795-2334.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

In partnership with Heal the Bay, beach cleanup projects will take place at **Leo Carrillo State Beach, Point Dume State Beach, La Piedra, El Matador, and El Pecedor** beaches. Volunteers will be supplied with trash bags, gloves, and data and safety cards. For more information, contact Lynn Mochizuki or Kristen Perry at (805) 488-1827.

MONTEREY COUNTY

The following state parks and beaches will have cleanup projects in Monterey County: **Asilomar State Beach, Carmel River State Beach, Monterey State Beach, Marina State Beach, Moss Landing State Beach, Salinas River State Beach and Zmudowski State Beach.** Participants are asked to show up at any of the cleanup sites by 9 a.m. with water, comfortable shoes, layered clothing and sunscreen. Site captains will have bags, gloves and data cards. Minors must have a parent or guardian available to sign the event waiver. Waivers can be downloaded in advance at coast4u.org. Groups are encouraged to register in advance for favorite sites - or can be directed to sites that need extra help. For more information, contact Monterey County Coordinator Jean Scott at (831) 647-4228 or e-mail: marina_interp@hotmail.com

ORANGE COUNTY

Crystal Cove State Park, off Pacific Coast highway between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach, will celebrate Coastal Cleanup day on Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to Noon. There will be two cleanup stations at both the Reef Point parking lot and Pelican Point parking lot # 4. The parking fee will be waived for volunteers entering the park between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Trash and recycling bags, gloves and tally cards will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring sunscreen, water and a hat. For more information, call (949) 497-7647 or e-mail crystalcv@fea.net or visit their website at www.crystalcovestatepark.com

San Clemente State Beach, located off Calafia Street in San Clemente, will have a cleanup on Saturday, September 17. Volunteers are asked to bring sunscreen and water. For more information, contact Chrissy at (949) 366-8594.

PLACER, EL DORADO and SACRAMENTO COUNTIES

Folsom Lake State Recreation Area will have a cleanup project on Saturday, September 17th. The project will be at the Negro Bar day use area, located off Greenback Lane between Madison Avenue and Folsom Boulevard in Folsom. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8 a.m. to allow for a one-hour registration. Workers under 18 years of age need parental approval on a State Park waiver form. The projects will go from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, with an appreciation barbeque to follow. Volunteers are advised to wear closed-toed shoes (no sandals), bring water and sunscreen, and dress appropriately for the weather. For more information, contact Michael Gross at (916) 988-0205, X 225.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Border Field State Park will have a cleanup event on September 17th. Volunteers should meet near the park entrance. Event signs will be posted. Directions: from the I-5 or the 905, exit Dairy Mart Road and head south. Dairy Mart Road curves to the west and becomes Monument Road. Follow Monument Road as far west as you can go to the gate of Border Field State Park. Park at the gate. Participants will be driven to the beach. The park phone number is (619) 575-3613. For more volunteer information, call 800-COAST-4U.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Refugio State Beach will have an underwater cleanup project on Saturday, September 17. For more information, contact Danita Rodriguez at (805) 968-7192.

VENTURA COUNTY

Point Mugu State Park – Mugu Beach will have a cleanup project on September 17. The City of Camarillo is co-sponsor. For more information call the park at (805) 488-5223.

For more information about the cleanup projects on-line, go to <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/>

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