

Ocean Commotion 2009 Volunteer Sign-up Packet October 22, 2008

The LSU-Louisiana Sea Grant College Program will host OCEAN COMMOTION 2009, a one-day exhibit designed for K-8 students celebrating Louisiana's coastal and marine resources. OCEAN COMMOTION will be on Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 8:45am – 1:30 pm on the concourse of LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center (PMAC).

We are looking for volunteers to help make this worthwhile educational event a success.



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OCEAN COMMOTION 2009 will host interactive exhibits provided by LSU researchers and public and private organizations. These exhibits will have interactive and/or hands-on minds-on activities that are appropriate for K-8 students. The primary purpose of these exhibits is to give students the chance to learn about and touch the products of the sea and coast such as aquatic animals, plants, and minerals. We hope that students will take home an expanded appreciation of the importance of the aquatic environment and the need to conserve its resources.

Last year, OCEAN COMMOTION brought about 3,000 students, teachers and chaperones from five area parishes to view exhibits on the sea and Louisiana's coastal resources. Approximately 60 exhibitors prepared displays for students to view.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Setting up and decorating
- Parking assistance and bathroom monitors
- Escorting school groups upon arrival, and from parking lot to check in
- Helping exhibitors set up and dismantle their booths and assisting with some exhibits
- Serving as a "floater" by monitoring to prevent kids from running, and periodically checking the restrooms for loitering or lost children.

These tasks vary with time slots, ranging from set-up on Oct. 21, 2009 (time TBA) and the event on Oct. 22 (7 a.m. until 3 p.m.). A few volunteers are needed for setup, but more are needed on Oct. 22.

Please volunteer to be a part of this educational event. It's fun! If you have any questions please contact **Elaine Evers** at **578-6363** or e-mail her at eevers@lsu.edu.

For more information on OCEAN COMMOTION, please see the Louisiana Sea Grant Marine Education Resources web site, LA MER, at <http://lamer.lsu.edu/projects/oceancommotion/index.htm>

Volunteers must sign up in advance to help us plan properly. In order to receive credit for hours of service, volunteers must also report to the Volunteer Headquarters on the PMAC concourse to sign

in before service and, after their tasks are completed, to sign out. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sign up sheets are attached. We hope to see you there!

Please fill in this information if your organization would like to participate.

Group Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

The attached volunteer sign-up sheets are due by noon on Monday, October 12, 2009

You may send the completed sheets by email to eevers@lsu.edu or bring them to Room 201 in the Sea Grant Building next to the School of the Coast & Environment behind Campus Federal Credit Union. You can also send them by campus mail to Elaine Evers, Energy, Coast and Environment Building, Room 1197. Send them in as soon as possible—they will help us plan for effective use of your time.

These sign-up sheets give the OCEAN COMMOTION planners a general idea of the number of volunteers who will be available during specific periods. We understand that class times may overlap the shift periods on the attached sign-up sheets, so volunteers are urged to indicate the actual time period they plan to work at OCEAN COMMOTION. Volunteers may sign up in more than one shift period. Shift periods are provided to give volunteers an idea of the types of tasks typically undertaken during that time.

Please turn in the completed sign up sheets with this identifying cover sheet.

Group Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

