

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

**Title:** "Junior Beach Captain" for Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps  
**Supervisor:** Alison McCarthy, Coastal Watershed Protection 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 Beach Sweeps training session by Clean Ocean Action
- ✓ Post and distribute flyers 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:
  - following instructions
  - assisting in organizing and distributing materials
  - instructing volunteers about the correct Sweeps process and data collection
  - helping to enforce proper sorting of collected materials
  - taking photos of volunteers and send to COA
  - assisting with Master Data Card compilation
  - assisting with clean-up

**Time Commitments:**

- ✓ One hour information and training session for all new Junior Beach Sweeps Captains prior to sweeps
- ✓ In-person meeting preferred, but at least have a phone meeting with your specific site's Beach Captain. Must be arranged between you and the Captain.
- ✓ Two hours to post flyers in town and in your school one month prior to event(s)
- ✓ One Saturday in the spring and one Saturday in the fall from 8:15am-1pm (actual event is 9am-12:30pm)

**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
- ✓ Must have signed approval from a parent or guardian to participate

**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 in the spring and fall prior to each Beach Sweep, as well as talk with your designated site Beach Captain.

**Location:** Local ocean, river, or stream shoreline as determined by Clean Ocean Action

**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
- ✓ Be part of a statewide (international in the fall) citizen science event
- ✓ Obtain valuable community service hours
- ✓ Meet people who share goal to improve and protect the environment

**To apply to be a Junior Beach Captain, you will need to sign below, complete application, and return all documents to COA by February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 with the assigned Beach Captain and the Coastal Watershed Protection Coordinator at Clean Ocean Action."

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

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**JUNIOR BEACH SWEEPS CAPTAIN APPLICATION**

Fill in this application and return it with the signed Volunteer Description to Alison McCarthy, Coastal Watershed Protection Coordinator, at [outreach@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:outreach@cleanoceanaction.org) by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CONTACT INFO**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**PARENT PERMISSION**

*My child, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERRED LOCATIONS**

*Please review the list of Beach Sweeps locations below, and list your top three preferred locations below. Beach Sweeps locations are subject to change. We will try to match you with your sites in order of preference, but we cannot guarantee that you will be assigned to your top choice.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**In the space below, please list any leadership experience you may have:**

**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.**



## **BEACH SWEEPS LOCATIONS**

### **Atlantic County**

Atlantic City  
Brigantine  
Longport  
Margate  
Ventnor City

### **Cape May County**

Avalon  
Cape May  
Ocean City  
Stone Harbor  
Villas  
Wildwood  
Wildwood Crest

### **Essex County**

Glen Ridge/Montclair

### **Middlesex County**

Raritan Bay Water Front Park

### **Ocean County**

Bay Head  
Brick  
Island Beach State Park  
Lavallette  
Long Beach Island  
Point Pleasant  
Point Pleasant Beach  
Seaside Heights  
Seaside Park  
Toms River

### **Monmouth County**

Aberdeen  
Asbury Park  
Atlantic Highlands  
Avon  
Belmar  
Bradley Beach  
Deal  
Ideal Beach  
Keansburg  
Keyport  
Leonardo  
Loch Arbour and Allenhurst  
Long Branch  
Manasquan  
Monmouth Beach  
Ocean Grove  
Port Monmouth  
Red Bank  
Rumson  
Sandy Hook  
Sea Bright  
Sea Girt  
Spring Lake  
Union Beach

