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**Annual Beach Cleanup Set for September 22, 2007**

You are invited to participate in keeping the world's beaches beautiful and safe for both wildlife and people. The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge will hold its annual beach cleanup on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center.

This cleanup is part of an international Beach Cleanup effort by the Ocean Conservancy. As trash is picked up, the type and quantity of trash will be recorded on data sheets. This information will then be sent to The Ocean Conservancy, who is conducting a study to determine major sources of pollution worldwide.

In addition, this cleanup will coincide with National Public Lands Day, the largest annual coast-to-coast, single-day volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands.

Come prepared by bringing water, sunscreen, hat, and comfortable footwear. Trash bags, gloves, and data sheets will be provided.

All participants will receive a free T-shirt, courtesy of Delmarva Power. Other sponsors for the cleanup include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chincoteague Natural History Association, Assateague Island National Seashore, Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, Accomack County, and the Town of Chincoteague.