

Sea Turtle Volunteer Program



Share the Beach



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The green sea turtle is one of three sea turtles that nest along Alabama's Gulf Coast. Photo: USFWS.

Just A Reminder

If you have not sent in your Volunteer Service Agreement, please do so very soon. This form is necessary in order to participate in the program.

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Share the Beach Update

Dear Sea Turtle Volunteers,

Welcome to the 2002 season of the Sea Turtle Volunteer Program. Let us start by introducing ourselves. We are the 3 new SCA (Student Conservation Association) Interns- Tarah Smith and Sarah Gibbs from the Daphne Office and Carol Wood from Bon Secour NWR. We enjoyed meeting many of you at our last meeting on Thursday, May 2nd.

During that meeting we discussed teams; hopefully a team and team leader was formed and chosen in your area. If you were not able to attend the meeting and you still want to be on a team, please get in touch with either Tarah or Sarah at the **Daphne office (251-441-5181 ext. 41)**. The meeting went well with an attendance of almost 100. We would also like to welcome the Fort Morgan group and look forward to working together as one united group.

This season we will be holding monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month so you are able to plan ahead. Our next meeting will be held at the Gulf State Park Resort Hotel in the Neptune Room on **June 13th at 6:30 PM**. Even though meetings will be held once a month, teams are encouraged to have their own meetings when needed.

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Agenda

If you did not get to look at the mock-nest we had set up at the last meeting on the beach, you will have another chance at our first training session. This is required for all new volunteers and recommended for last years volunteers if you would like a refresher course on nest identification and what to do when you find a nest, including how to fill out data.

TRAINING COURSE

Saturday, May 18th

Gulf Shores State Park beach

8 am (gather at the pool)

Handbooks to be issued
at meeting.

Check out our new logo:



Visit our new web site for the latest information:

<http://daphne.fws.gov>



NEST UPDATE

No crawls/nests have been identified yet, but keep your eyes open. We expect nesting activity to begin by the middle of this month.

When your team does find a nest please report as soon as possible to the Daphne field office. It is crucial for us to keep an accurate record of each nest and the date it was laid so that we can determine when the hatchlings will emerge.

Equipment- signs, stakes, boxes for each team can be found at the following drop off points: BSNWR , Gulf State Park (Nature Center), and City of Orange Beach (Fire Station).

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 18 - Nest Training at Gulf State Park

June 13 - Next Meeting

