



CLEAN THE BAY DAY PARENTAL PERMISSION

PARENTS: Please review the following Clean the Bay Day Safety Tips carefully with your child and sign below:

CLEAN THE BAY DAY SAFETY TIPS

Remember that each participant is responsible for his or her own safety and the safety of any children under 18 under his or her supervision. A responsible adult must accompany and directly supervise all children under 18. **Notify your Zone Captain** if an accident occurs, you see unsafe behavior or have a concern of any kind.

- **Wear boots or closed-toe shoes and clothing appropriate for weather and site conditions.** Long pants and long-sleeved shirts, hats, sunscreen and bug spray are recommended.
- **Use safety equipment.** Always wear gloves. Wear safety vests when near roads and move aside when vehicles are coming.
- **Be alert at all times.** Do not enter areas unsafe for the clothing or footwear you are wearing. Avoid holes or obstacles that could cause loss of balance.
- **Use proper body mechanics** when bending, reaching and lifting. Bend with your knees, avoid overreaching, and do not overfill bags.
- **Do not touch anything that appears to be a dangerous, hazardous or infectious material** – this includes oil containers, large drums, medical waste, chemicals, explosives, etc. **Notify your Zone Captain** if you find any dangerous, hazardous or infectious materials.
- **Avoid picking up sharp objects** such as broken glass, metal strips, etc. with your hands – use a trowel; store sharp objects in a bucket or other solid container.
- **Avoid areas that may house bees, wasps, snakes or other potentially dangerous animals.** Notify your Zone Captain if you have allergies to bee stings, etc. and have your medicine with you in case of reaction.
- **Do not overextend yourself.** Take breaks as needed and drink plenty of fluids. Use common sense and do only what you can safely do.
- **SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR BOATERS AND DIVERS** – If you are on a boat, you must observe all appropriate and required safety precautions and standards; you must wear a life preserver at all times. **If you are a diver**, you must be certified to use SCUBA equipment by a recognized organization (e.g., PADI, NAUI, YMCA) in order to participate in Clean the Bay Day; you must observe all appropriate and required safety precautions and standards.

NOTE: This form must be completed and signed by a parent / guardian and returned to the responsible adult you have designated in order for your child to participate in Clean the Bay Day. This form is **NOT REQUIRED** if parent or guardian participates with the child in the cleanup. All children within the same family may be listed on one form.

I have read and reviewed carefully with my child the above Safety Tips. I understand that participation in Clean the Bay Day is entirely voluntary. I understand the risks and dangers involved in the "hands on" activities of Clean the Bay Day. I hereby release The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., as well as any organization and/or local government for which my child is volunteering, and their officials, employees, and or agents, from any responsibility for injury to my child that might occur as a result of participation in Clean the Bay Day. I give permission to authorized personnel to carry out such emergency diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be carried out by the local hospital(s) for my child in the event of an emergency. I understand that any medical expenses will be billed directly to my insurance company or me. I hereby grant to The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc. the right to photograph or videotape my child and to use these videotapes and photographs in its discretion.

I give permission for _____ to participate in Clean the Bay Day. My child
(Child's or Children's Name(s))

is participating as part of _____
(Group/Affiliation, e.g. Scout Troop, School, Club) (Phone where you can be reached during Event)

(Please PRINT Name of Parent or Guardian) (Signature of Parent or Guardian) (Date)

(Street/PO Box Address) (City) (Zip) (E-mail)