

Bluffton seeks volunteers for May River cleanup

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Beach Sweep/River Sweep is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, and the town of Bluffton is recruiting volunteers for a May River cleanup.

The town sponsored cleanup will be based at Oyster Factory Park in Old Town by the river. Supplies, snacks and water will be provided.

“Each year thousands of people participate in the sweep, South Carolina’s largest one-day litter cleanup of beaches, marshes and waterways.

“The town of Bluffton is proud to again participate in this annual event by organizing a cleanup based at the Oyster Factory Park, located at the end of Wharf Street in Bluffton. All necessary supplies are provided,” said Kim Jones, town natural resources manager. “All you need to bring is a friend.”

Also, she said “While this is a cleanup geared toward the shoreline and streets, boaters and kayakers are welcomed.”

The S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and S.C. Department of Natural Resources organize the statewide event, which is held in conjunction with the Ocean Conservancy’s International Coastal Cleanup.

Anyone can participate – individuals, families, schools, youth groups, civic and conservation clubs or businesses.

Last year in South Carolina, more than 4,700 volunteers removed 24 tons of debris. In its 22-year history, 1,072 tons of litter has been collected.

For more information, contact Jones at 706-4593 or by email at kjones@townofbluffton.com. For a list of other coastal site captains and cleanup locations, visit www.scseagrant.org.