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Corporate Employees Hit the Beach!

What do 5,497 plastic food and candy wrappers, 4,652 plastic bottle caps and lids, and a car bumper have in common? They were all collected this summer during COA's Corporate Beach Sweeps program. Throughout summer, corporations in New Jersey and New York invested in a clean ocean by sending their employees to New Jersey's beaches to be part of the solution to ocean pollution. Over 575 employees from Ameriprise Financial, Comcast, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Johnson & Johnson, Morgan Stanley, Ricoh, and iCIMS cleaned miles of bay and ocean beaches during the 2008 Corporate Beach Sweeps program.

Clean Ocean Action's Corporate Beach Sweeps season kicked-off with Comcast Cares Day on May 3rd. During this company-wide day of service, over 300 Comcast employees chose to volunteer with COA and perform three cleanups - Sandy Hook, Ship Bottom, and Brick Township.

Goldman, Sachs, & Co. Community TeamWorks (CTW), is an annual, global volunteering initiative that gives the employees of Goldman Sachs one day away from the office. May through August, to volunteer in a team-based project organized with a local non-profit organization. Employees cleaned beaches at Sandy Hook with COA.

The Corporate Beach Sweeps program is an activity that provides awareness, knowledge, and hands-on experience. Participants learn about nonpoint source or "people" pollution and its ill effects on the ocean and marine life. Modeled after COA's statewide Beach Sweeps, the Corporate Beach Sweeps program provides worthy "take-home" lessons, including how people can be better environmental stewards. Many participants learn ways to reduce the amount of trash they produce, and proper ways to dispose waste, including recycling.

Special thanks to volunteers who helped with the cleanups, including Allie Belfer, Lynda Elliot, Ray Gill, Meghan Gerrity, Lisa and Kevin Gluck, Georgia Tildesley, and Tom Thornton. Also, thanks to the staff at Gateway National Recreation Area, Sandy Hook Unit for their cooperation and hard work.

2008 Corporate Beach Sweeps Top Five Items:

5,497 plastic food and candy wrappers 4,652, plastic bottle caps and lids 4,228 pieces of plastic and foam 3,434 plastic straws and stirrers 2,536 cigarette filters



Ricoh ready for sweeping!



Comcast gears up for a clean sweep



Johnson & Johnson and Morgan Stanley volunteers share pride for work well done



Ameriprise Financial hard at work, Sandy Hook

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