

# Clean the Bay Week 2024: FAQ and Guidelines

Every year the Chesapeake Bay community gathers for an annual clean-up the first Saturday in June. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation started Clean the Bay Day 35 years ago and it's still going strong.

As an official Clean the Bay Day partner, JBLE-Langley organizes our own cleanups and reports participation to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

JBLE-Langley Volunteer sign-up link: Clean the Bay Volunteer Sign-up: [volunteersignup.org/MMPPX](https://volunteersignup.org/MMPPX)

## Clean the Bay Week Statement from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Every day, each of us can do our part to make the Chesapeake even more beautiful by preventing and picking up litter. Clean the Bay Day—a long-standing Virginia tradition 35 years in the making—inspires us to do just that. This annual event also introduces participants to some of the greater, unseen problems the Bay watershed faces such as degraded habitat, polluted runoff, and nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. Clean the Bay Day shows us that we all can be environmental stewards of our waters. We hope you will join us in our mission to Save the Bay by learning more about the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint and work to restore and protect the Bay and its rivers and streams.

(<https://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/index.html>)

### Q1. When is Clean the Bay Week? When do I need to sign-up?

Dates: 28 May - 1 June 2024

Time 9 am- Noon each day (w/ 8:45 am check-in) Light rain is still a go.

Please try and sign up a week before: [volunteersignup.org/MMPPX](https://volunteersignup.org/MMPPX)

### Q2. Where are we cleaning? How do I know my Zone?

Volunteers will clean one zone each day. The clean-up zones are outlined on the Zone Map PDF and are listed below.

**Zone 1:** Base waterway from Sweeney Blvd and W Flight Line Road to Commissary (Tuesday)

Meet-up location: **Shellbank track parking lot.**

**Zone 2:** ACC Trail Footbridge at Wind Tunnel Road to Langley Marina until Bulkhead (Wednesday)

Meet-up location: **Parking lot across from Bldg. 635. 633 Hunting Ave.**

**Zone 3:** King Street Bridge to Eagle Park Tennis Courts before walking bridge. (Thursday)

Meet-up location: **Eagle Park parking lot (same area as dental squadron/Bldg. 90)**

**Zone 4:** Past Eagle Park walking bridge to end of fence before Visitor Center. (Friday)

Meet-up location: **Eagle Park parking lot (same area as dental squadron/Bldg. 90)**

**Saturday** – **Bethel Reservoir** off Harpersville Rd. Exact location for meet ups and parking TBD.

No military ID needed to participate.

### Q3. What will I be doing on my volunteer day? How can I prepare?

Volunteers will help clean up litter around the shores and waterways in their assigned zone from 9 am – Noon. This is a great opportunity to engage with your base community and experience the shorelines and waterways that surround JBLE-Langley.

You are responsible for organizing transportation and parking to and from your zone at 0845 for check-in and until cleanup is complete. Each day will end around 1200 after all debris has been counted and materials are collected. If you need to leave early, please let your zone captain know at the event.

You are responsible for preparing yourself for volunteer working conditions. This includes wearing closed-toed shoes, bringing adequate hydration, using sun and insect protection (633 CES/CEIE will provide some), and bringing sturdy work gloves. You will be provided with some materials by your zone captain like trash bags, grabbers, rubber gloves, and water.

We are also using the Clean Swell App for collecting the type and amount of trash picked up. The app is free and available on all platforms. We will provide hard copy tally sheets in case volunteers do not have the app.

### Q4. Who may volunteer?

Military Personnel, Civilians, and Family members with valid ID cards and base access may attend. Pets may not attend.

During sign-up, please include family members within the group of a volunteer with a valid .mil email address.

### Q5. Can I volunteer with a group?

Yes! To ensure that you volunteer with your group or family, choose one person with a valid .mil email address to register all participants in your group using the sign-up link. Other group members will not need to register individually.

### Q6. What if there is bad weather on my day?

If bad weather will clear up in the afternoon and enough volunteers are able, cleanup will shift to the afternoon from **1300-1500**. Otherwise, the cleanup will be canceled. Light rain will not stop the event.

The call to move the time slot or cancellations will be made by 0800 each day and announced by email.

### Q8. What is a Zone Captain? How can I be one?

Each zone will have a captain that will be the POC for that day. The captain will take attendance, be the contact for any emergencies, and estimate the weight of trash picked up using a provided estimation sheet. All the captains will meet with the CEI Environmental Team prior to Clean the Bay Week to go over assigned duties.

You can volunteer to be a captain by emailing Jeffrey Saunders.

For all additional questions, email or call the 633 CES/CEIE Water Program Manager, Mr. Jeffrey Saunders at [jeffrey.saunders.9@us.af.mil](mailto:jeffrey.saunders.9@us.af.mil) or 757-764-1141.