

Oyster Rings at Assateague State Park

Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022

Time: 1 PM to 2:30 PM (please arrive a few minutes early to allow for a short walk from the parking lot to the Nature Center)

Meeting point: Assateague State Park Nature Center (park at the Ranger Station)

Address: 6915 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD 21811



Oysters are vitally important for the health of the coastal bays. A single oyster can filter up to 60 gallons of water a day! Oyster reefs also provide habitat for many other bay critters such as crabs, snails, and small fish. At this Coast Kids event we will build oyster reef structures that can be attached to a dock or pier. We will pour 12-inch concrete rings and stick old oyster shells in it because baby oysters love to settle on top of adult oyster shells. If you have a dock, you can pick up your own oyster rings either at the ACT office (10959 Worcester Hwy in Berlin, MD) or the Assateague State Park Nature Center. If you don't have a dock, we will find a suitable place to install the oyster rings. Please bring a hat and apply sunscreen and bug spray. In case the CDC recommends masks at the time of the event, please bring a mask.

Limit 30 kids! Please sign up for the event online at actforbays.org/coastkids, or by calling the Assateague Coastal Trust office at 410-629-1538. Leave a message with your name, phone number, and number of participating kids. The event is free.

Directions: *From Ocean City:* Take Rt. 611 S toward Assateague Island Parks. Cross the bridge to Assateague Island. **Take the second left toward Assateague State Park Ranger Station (camper check in).** If you are registered for the event, the entrance fee will be waived. Park on the far side of the Ranger Station parking lot and walk into the campground. The Nature Center is located on your left, 5-to-7-minute walk from the gate.

From the Bay Bridge and Salisbury: Take Rt. 50 E, then turn right onto Rt. 113 S toward Snow Hill. After about a mile turn left onto Rt. 376 E following the signs toward Assateague Island Parks. Turn right onto Rt. 611 S and cross the bridge to Assateague Island. **Take the second left toward Assateague State Park Ranger Station (camper check in).** If you are registered for the event, the entrance fee will be waived. Park on the far side of the Ranger Station parking lot and walk into the campground. The Nature Center is located on your left, 5-to-7-minute walk from the gate.

From Snow Hill and Pocomoke City: Take Rt. 113 N and turn right onto Rt. 376 E toward Assateague Island Parks. Turn right onto Rt. 611 S and cross the bridge to Assateague Island. **Take the second left toward Assateague State Park Ranger Station (camper check in).** If you are registered for the event, the entrance fee will be waived. Park on the far side of the Ranger Station parking lot and walk into the campground. The Nature Center is located on your left, 5-to-7-minute walk from the gate.

If you have any questions, please email to coastkids@actforbays.org, or call the ACT office at 410-629-1538.