



**Coastal Environment Intern  
Clean Ocean Action  
Summer 2013  
Sandy Hook, NJ**

**The Coastal Environment Internship** with Clean Ocean Action (COA) is an exciting opportunity for a student to help address the environmental impacts as a result of Super-storm Sandy and to bring together interests in environmental education, science, public policy, and citizen action. The intern will assist with the Corporate Beach Sweep and Wave of Action programs, and gain experience in education, event coordination, research, public speaking, writing, and organizing.

COA's Beach Sweeps Programs are hands-on, environmental awareness, and team building "get-away retreats" with employees from businesses (including those in the Fortune 500 list). Corporations and businesses chose from two separate Corporate Summer Programs which include the Beach Sweeps and the Scavenger Hunt. Beach Sweep participants clean marine debris from beaches primarily at Sandy Hook, find out how and why litter ends-up on the beaches, and learn solutions to prevent pollution. The Scavenger Hunt is a "spin-off" of the signature Beach Sweep program and inspires participants to find specific debris, build sculptures, and talk about the harmful impacts of marine debris. COA's Corporate Beach Sweeps take place at least once a week from May until October at Sandy Hook.

COA's Waves of Action "For the Shore" is a long term volunteer effort to assist the communities, businesses, families, and individuals impacted from Superstorm Sandy. The Waves of Action take place monthly and are comprised of service projects that help the recovery, restoration and rebuilding of the New Jersey & New York beaches and communities.

The summer 2013 **Coastal Environment Intern** will be responsible for assisting in the organization and coordination of the Corporate Beach Sweeps and the Waves of Action Programs. Specifically, the intern will:

- ◆ Handle the logistics of the Corporate Beach Sweep Program
  - Attend all Corporate Beach Sweeps
  - Organize the logistics and pre-event details of the Corporate Summer Programs (i.e. lunch, transportation, bathroom access, and refreshments).
  - Educate and motivate Beach Sweeps and Scavenger Hunt volunteers on site
  - Create flyers and other printed materials to promote the program
  - Give the educational overview and lead a Corporate Sweeps and Scavenger Hunt at the intern's last event
  - Produce a Report on the data collected from all the Corporate Beach Sweeps over the course of the summer, and a report from the Scavenger Hunts over the summer

- ◆ Assist the Education Coordinator & Citizen Action Coordinator with Waves of Action program coordination
  - Work with NY & NJ organizations to build new projects in line with the Wave of Action vision
  - Integrate local businesses into projects
  - Work with volunteers to maximize program participation at targeted sites.
  - Cultivate relationships with participating volunteers, businesses, and organizations.
  - Compile Beach Sweeps data from the Spring Beach Sweeps/April Wave of Action, and
  - Prepare quantitative & qualitative data from each Wave of Action to track the success of the program

The summer internship is a full time position and is located at Gateway National Recreation Area – Sandy Hook Unit and at COA’s office, also located on Sandy Hook. No housing or transportation is provided. Hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday thru Friday, except for the day of programs when hours are 8:30am until 4:30pm. Intern is expected to work one Saturday per month approximately 9 am – noon. Beach Sweeps are scheduled throughout the summer, therefore, the intern must be able to work outdoors in the extreme heat. The position requires a reliable car and the ability to lift and pack various supplies. The intern will be provided with a uniform shirt for the day of programs. Business casual attire is appropriate for the office. Monthly stipend and travel expenses (excluding commuting) are paid. College credit (arranged by the student with the university/college) is available. Preferred length of internship is end of May through the end of October; however, start and end dates are flexible depending on availability.

Interested applicants should demonstrate enthusiasm and basic knowledge of environmental issues, organizational and communication skills, creativity, and willingness to work hard. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and a list of 3 references with affiliations and contact information to: [business@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:business@cleanoceanaction.org) with ‘Summer Programs Internship’ in the subject line.

**About COA:**

Clean Ocean Action is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to protecting marine water quality in the New York Bight (waters between Montauk Point, NY and Cape May, NJ, and to the continental shelf). COA is a broad-based coalition of over 135 active boating, business, community, conservation, diving, environmental, fishing, religious, service, student, surfing, and women’s groups. COA identifies sources of pollution and takes actions to stop them using research, education, and citizen action. For more information about COA, call the Sandy Hook office at 732-872-0111 or visit [www.cleanoceanaction.org](http://www.cleanoceanaction.org).