

## How can you help?

Educational Programs (Additional training required)  
Volunteers visit schools, civic organizations, environmental fairs and special events, by request, to teach about sea turtles.

### Office Help

Various duties may be assigned by board members, office staff, or STPS coordinators.

### Newsletter

STPS volunteers publish a newsletter twice a year for the members. Newsletters are archived on our website for the general public to view.

### Beach Clean Up

STPS has adopted Coconut Point Park in Melbourne Beach and Cherie Down Park and Beach in Cape Canaveral, as part of the Keep Brevard Beautiful Adopt-a-Shore project. Volunteers pick up litter on the first Saturday after the first Thursday of each month starting at 8:00 am and usually finishing by 10 am. Volunteers can receive community service hours. Materials for cleanup activities are provided, including trash bags, gloves, sunscreen and tools.

### Turtle Krawl 5K

It takes more than 100 volunteers to complete a wide variety of pre-race and race-day tasks in order for the Turtle Krawl race to be successful. We need volunteers to hang posters, bake muffins, stuff race packets, staff packet pickup, transport tables and fruit, set up the morning of the race, prep/serve food for participants, serve as court marshals, distribute water, towels, and finisher medals, and help with park beautification.

### Community Service

Community service is arranged in advance. Please contact us at [volunteer@seaturtlespacecoast.org](mailto:volunteer@seaturtlespacecoast.org) for more information.

Want to become a member or register for Turtle Talk?

Please go to our website at [SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org](http://SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org)

## Questions?

Contact the volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@seaturtlespacecoast.org](mailto:volunteer@seaturtlespacecoast.org)



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# Volunteer Information



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## How can you help?

### Turtle Night Walks (Annual training required)

STPS's Florida State Permit allows us to guide groups to observe nesting Loggerhead sea turtles. The Walk Team is comprised of many volunteers including Greeters, Presenters, and Guides all trained and experienced in their respective roles. Walks occur during the summer.

### Nesting Surveys (Annual training required)

Teams conduct nest surveys for conservation on a 4 1/2 mile stretch of Cocoa Beach. Teams walk the beach 7 days a week from May through August. The Team collects data for FWC, identifying species of sea turtle tracks, false crawls, and nests. After the hatching emergence period, the Team conducts nest inventories on approximately 25% of the nests to determine the success rate of its eggs.

### Turtle Stranding & Salvage (Annual training required)

A stranding occurs when sea turtles swim or float into shore and become "beached" or stuck in shallow water. Salvage efforts refer to sea turtles that are dead. The Stranding Team is on call 24 hours a day and 365 days a year to rescue and salvage the endangered and threatened sea turtles. A stranding team member responds to the call quickly. A live animal is evaluated by a stranding volunteer on the spot and transported to a rehabilitation. Should the turtle be dead then the volunteer will photograph, measure, look for possible causes of death and complete a report.

### Transport (Annual training required)

The FWC Transport Permit, like all other permits, allows for up to 24 people on it. Those on the permit are required to have completed Turtle Talk, FWC's Stranding and Salvage Training once every two years, and STPS's Transport training. Those on the permit transport sea turtles to and from rehab centers throughout the state.

### Hatchling Response/STERP (Annual training required)

When specific weather events occur in the fall, STERP volunteers walk the beach to search in seaweed piles for trapped washbacks, in order to find and rescue these imperiled post-hatchlings. Our volunteers also assist with transporting sea turtles to rehab facilities at Sea World, Ponce Inlet, Mote and other locations using either their own vehicle (must be enclosed) or our truck. We also utilize STERP volunteers when we have other major events such as cold stuns.

### Special Events

STPS volunteers go to community events to educate about sea turtles, the importance of keeping the beaches flat and dark, and the significance of beach clean ups. Volunteers give out educational brochures, provide information about STPS, and, at most events, collect donations and sell STPS merchandise.

## Where do I start?

### 1. Complete a Volunteer Application

Go to [www.SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org](http://www.SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org) and select Volunteer then Application. Follow the instructions provided.

### 2. Become a Member

Go to [www.SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org](http://www.SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org) and select Membership then Become a Member. This will walk you through the process. You can also become a member at one of our locations.

### 3. Attend Turtle Talk Training

Go to [www.SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org](http://www.SeaTurtleSpaceCoast.org) and click on the calendar to find these dates. You may also use the search feature to find all these dates at once. You must RSVP through our calendar for these trainings!

### 4. Attend Volunteer Orientation

Links to register for Volunteer Orientation will be included in the email you received after submitting your volunteer application. You must RSVP for orientation!

### 5. Purchase a Nametag and Volunteer Tshirt

You will receive information to purchase these from the Volunteer Coordinator once your volunteer application has been approved and you have met volunteer training and membership requirements.

### 6. Attend Additional Training(s) as Needed

Information on additional trainings will be posted into VIC, our Volunteer Information Center, and emailed to those with volunteer applications on file.

## How do I know what's going on and how do I sign up?

Once you become an active volunteer, meaning you met all the requirements listed above, you will begin receiving the Volunteer Voice and Upcoming Events by email from our Volunteer Coordinator. This is sent through our VIC system, so please make sure you select to receive emails from us.

You can also see other volunteering opportunities by logging into VIC and looking at the volunteer calendar.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see how you can get involved!



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