

Safety Information

General

- Individual cleanup sites may have rules or guidelines pertaining to their site, depending on the atmosphere or setting of the cleanup area. Please follow the rules below as well as any additional rules given at your chosen site. **All persons volunteering must fill out the required registration form.** Parents and youth leaders shall be responsible for closely monitoring youth volunteers in their group or organization, and are responsible for making them aware of the rules and following them.
- Most cleanup sites are in areas where wildlife exists. Please be watchful of areas where snakes, alligators, or harmful insects may be or alert those in your party to the presence of any of these creatures. Also be watchful for harmful plants such as poison ivy or poison oak, thorns, vines etc. Please wear gloves to avoid contact. Refrain from contact with any wildlife or feral domestic animals. Alert your site coordinator to any animals or situations hampering the ability to clean up your site.

Safety & Health

- Sturdy, closed toed shoes shall be worn in all areas.
- Life jackets are required for all passengers on any boat, canoe, kayak, raft, etc.
- Do not work alone. Use the buddy system of two or three persons.
- Do not enter, wade or swim in any body of water to retrieve debris unless approved by site coordinator or team leader.
- Only collect trash where you are capable. Many areas have slopes, loose gravel or soil. Ensure proper footing before proceeding.
- Do not climb up or down trees, rocks or steep banks to retrieve debris. Collection along sloping bayou, lakes or waterway banks should only be done when deemed safe by team leaders or coordinators. Do not disturb bare soil or contribute to erosion areas.
- Do not reach or crawl into crevices, brush, under rocks or structures to retrieve debris. Use a tool when necessary.
- Do not collect the following hazardous debris:
 - Heavy items requiring more than one person to lift
 - Partially buried items
 - Broken glass
 - Medical waste (hazard bags, needles, etc.) or carrion (dead animal carcass)
 - Closed or sealed buckets and plastic or metal drums(Take note of the location of these items and report it to your team leader or coordinator. Appropriate personnel shall collect these items.)
- Site coordinators reserve the right to dismiss any volunteer or person at their location whom they deem to be working or participating inappropriately or putting themselves or others in danger.