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Clean up local beaches Sept. 16

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A discarded cup lies in the sand at Silver Beach in St. Joseph in 2015. The annual September Adopt-a-Beach event will be held this year on Sept. 16.

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No matter what part of Southwest Michigan you live in, there is a place to get out and volunteer on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The annual September Adopt-a-Beach event, a day dedicated to volunteering and cleaning up Great Lakes beaches and shorelines, has five different beaches in Berrien County to volunteer at.

September Adopt-a-Beach is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, so volunteers will join millions of people cleaning up shorelines all over the world.

Last year, Adopt-a-Beach volunteers picked up more than 40,000 pounds of litter from their local beaches; 87 percent of it was plastic.

Events already scheduled in Berrien County are:

- 9-11 a.m. at Weko Beach, 5237 Lake St., Bridgman. Meet in the parking lot. Bring gloves and 5 gallon buckets if you have them. If not, they will supply bags, buckets and gloves. This event is sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and the city of Bridgman.
- 9-11 a.m. at Lincoln Township Park, 3655 N. Lake Path, Stevensville. Meet in the parking lot. This event is sponsored by the Blossom Land ParrotHead Club.
- 9 a.m. to noon at Silver Beach County Park, 101 Broad St., St. Joseph. This is a Gamma Iota Sigma community service event.

- 9 a.m. at Tiscornia Park, 80 Ridgeway St., St Joseph. Meet in the parking lot and the organizer will provide the necessary materials for cleaning up the beach. Wear warm clothing, boots, sun block and a hat. Bring along a bottle of water.
- 9 a.m. to noon at Jean Klock Park, Jean Klock Blvd., Benton Harbor. Meet in the center of the park and in front of the bathhouse. Bags and vinyl gloves are provided. In case of heavy rain or severe weather, the even will be postponed until Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is sponsored by Friends of Jean Klock Park.

For more information, or to set up your own event, find more events, or register for these events, visit greatlakesadopt.org or greatlakes.org/september-adopt-beach/.

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