

**Vermilion River Cleanup**  
**Saturday, October 24, 2015**  
**9:00 am - Noon**

Command Post:

Vermilion River Bridge (Veterans Memorial)



**Sign-in Sheet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Milton-V.R. Bridge at Veterans Memorial-Palmetto Island State Park-Intracoastal City-Coulee Kinney-Other

Name of Volunteers in your boat \_\_\_\_\_

Dumpster locations: Bridge, Palmetto Island State Park, Intracoastal

**Read safety points**

1. Never work alone.
2. Use sunscreen and insect spray.
3. Wear gloves, shoes & protective clothing.
4. Be careful when handling glass, sharp objects, aerosol cans & containers that may contain chemicals or chemical residue.
5. Watch out for snakes, wasps and hornets in debris piles and other vegetated areas.
6. Watch out for poison ivy and poison oak.
7. Report the location of large items. Do not lift large-drum like containers.
8. Garbage can be dirty, rusty, slimy, and/or sharp. Be careful when handling trash to avoid cuts and abrasions. Emphasize to everyone: Don't be afraid to ask for help; don't try to lift heavy objects alone.

**We welcome anyone the morning of the event but for planning purposes please REGISTER before Monday October, 19<sup>th</sup>**

Questions? Please call

Mitzi Dohrman 337-893-5664 ext. 3 or email: mitzi.dohrman@la.nacdn.net

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **As a volunteer, what should I wear and bring to a river cleanup?**

River cleanups can be messy and require hard work. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty or even tattered. Work boots and work gloves are strongly recommended and if you are going to be working in the water dress appropriately. Long sleeve shirts and long pants are recommended despite the weather, for the protection they provide against the sun, poisonous or thorny plants and biting insects. Wearing a hat and eye protection is also recommended. It's important to keep hydrated. Bring plenty of water and also a snack to keep your energy up.

### **Is lunch provided?**

No. We've decided that the logistics involved in providing lunch for groups of people was just a bit too challenging under the circumstances.

### **What happens if I find something that won't fit in my boat or canoe?**

You will be supplied with orange tape. If you find something that is too large to fit in your canoe, or that requires more than two people, flag the location with orange ribbon and let the folks at the command center know.

### **Can my kids participate?**

Absolutely. River cleanups are a fun learning experience for kids. Just make sure they understand the importance of putting safety first. The safety of river cleanup participants under the age of 18 is the responsibility of parents or legal guardians.

### **What happens in the case of bad weather?**

The river clean-up will go on rain or shine. In the extreme case, if there are severe thunderstorms forecasted, or the potential for flooding exists, we may have to cancel, we will reschedule. For updates on weather forecast, clean-up changes, and cancellations please call anyone of the following: Mark Shirley, 337-296-6864, Judge Edwards, 337-652-7469, Charlene Beckett, 337-652-2239

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