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Farewell Virginia

MCBP bids adieu to Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member, Virginia Parker.

Now that we are in August, it is time to say goodbye to our Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member, Virginia Parker! It has been an absolute pleasure to have Virginia working with us throughout this last year. While we are incredibly sad to see her go, we are so excited to see what the future holds for her! Throughout the year, Virginia has worked with our science team on water quality monitoring, wetland assessments, restoration projects, and more! For her CCC capstone project, Virginia was able to install eight piezometers at two restoration projects in the watershed to monitor changes in groundwater.

Virginia is headed to the University of North Carolina Wilmington to complete a dual degree program where she will obtain her Master's in Environmental Science with a concentration in Coastal Management and her Master's in Public Administration. We are so proud of you Virginia, thank you for all your hard work! Please come back to visit us soon!

Horseshoe Crab Survey Update!



The results are in for the 2020 Horseshoe Crab Survey! This year we conducted 42 surveys at 5 different locations throughout the Coastal Bays and counted a total of 12,228 horseshoe crabs! MCBP would like to thank our dedicated volunteers for their support in this survey. In the future, keep an eye out for a summary report that will be released by MCBP and MDNR. We are already

looking forward to another successful HSC survey next year!

Creature Feature: The Brilliant and Brainless Jellyfish



Residents and visitors alike know that the summer season brings a whole range of fascinating animals to our Coastal Bays watershed. As the temperature of the bays warm, we begin to see a rise in the diversity and abundance of fish, crustaceans, and other bay-dwellers. And if you have been around Ocean City long enough, you know July marks the unofficial return of the jellyfish. Click [here](#) to learn more about the jellyfish species found in the Maryland Coastal Bays.

MCBP Partners with the OC Bay Hopper!



MCBP and the OC Bay Hopper are partnering to lead three bay cruises this summer. Join us as you learn about our Coastal Bays and their natural resources. One tour is still available on August 27th. Click [here](#) for more information or to book a trip! Also, 50% of the proceeds will go to MCBP!

Terrapin Survey Update



Virtual Camp

Bring the Bays Home a success!

MCBP's first ever Virtual Summer Camp, Bring the Bays Home, was a huge success!! Throughout the week of July 6-10, twenty-three campers in three different age groups explored the wonder that is the Coastal Bays watershed from their very own homes! All campers were sent their very own activity box filled with all the materials they needed for their day at camp. Liz and Chandler encouraged campers to think like scientists while leading them through a variety of hands-on marine investigations, including dissecting slime stomachs, building coastal critters out of clay, mimicking the journey of an american eel, and more. While completing these activities, campers learned how water fuels all life within the watershed, they discovered the unique adaptations of the Coastal Bays funky creatures, and discussed what they can d to help protect our Bays. Thank you to everyone who attended camp, Liz and Chandler had an absolute blast!!

Stay tuned for more virtual offerings in the future and updates about in-person summer camp!



The final results from this year's annual Terrapin Survey are in and we counted a total of 369 diamondback terrapins! Due to volunteer restrictions and mixed weather, we saw a lower count this year compared to last year. Hopefully conditions will be better next year and keep an eye out for information on next year's survey!



Recycled Benches Installed in Ocean City

Put your butts on these butts!

Four new benches installed in Ocean City are the direct result of the Ocean City Green Team's Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. The benches are made from recycled cigarette butts that were collected throughout Ocean City using Butt Huts. In partnership with Keep America Beautiful and TerraCycle, the Butt Huts were placed around Ocean City for residents and visitors to properly dispose of their cigarette waste.

The new benches can be found at the Ocean City boardwalk and Seacrets, so come and put your butts on these butts! For more information on the program, please contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org.



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