



Save the Harbor Offers Free Beach Programs at DCR's Carson Beach for Youth and Community Groups

This summer Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Boston Harbor Explorers program at DCR's Carson Beach will offer five days of free programs each week during July and August for youth and community groups on one of the cleanest urban beaches in America.

This pilot program features partnerships with America SCORES, which offers soccer clinics Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, Boating in Boston, which offers free kayak instruction on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and the Greater Boston YMCA, which offers free swim safety and aquatics at the site during high tide. Parental permission is required for swimming lessons and kayak lessons. Funds to support these free programs come from Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Program. The Boston Harbor Explorers Program at DCR's Carson Beach runs from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday-Friday in July and August.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Youth Environmental Education Program staff will be on site five days a week, coordinating the site and offering healthy outdoor activities including fishing, clamming, environmental exploration, storytelling and art on the shore. To find out more about how your group can take part in these programs, visit Save the Harbor's blog, Sea, Sand & Sky at www.blog.savetheharbor.org. Save the Harbor's free youth environmental education and family programs are made possible with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, The Boston Foundation, Distrigas/GDF SUEZ, and The Coca-Cola Foundation.

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit public-interest Boston Harbor environmental advocacy organization whose mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, the Boston Harbor Islands, the Boston Harbor region's public beaches, Boston's waterfront and the marine environment for everyone to enjoy.

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