

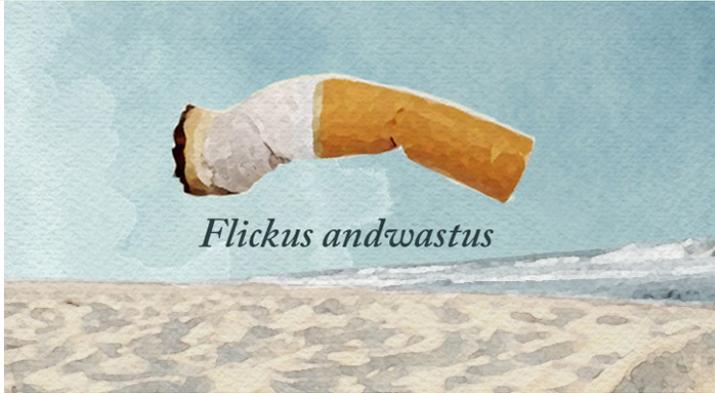


Press Release

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SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, September 19, 2015 9:00 a.m. – Noon.
LET'S MAKE TRASH EXTINCT!
Lodi's 13th Annual Coastal Cleanup
Lodi Lake Park- Mokelumne River



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**NUMBER ONE TRASH ITEM FOUND AT LODI LAKE'S 2014 COASTAL CLEANUP-
2089 CIGARETTE BUTTS!**

Total items collected at Lodi Lake Park:

9/20/2014	
1. Cigarette butts	2089
2. Tiny Trash Plastic pieces < 2.5 cm	1193
3. Food Wrappers	877
4. Take Away Containers	801
5. Tiny Trash Glass pieces <2.5 cm	373
6. Bottle Caps (Plastic)	288
7. Tiny Trash Foam pieces <2.5 cm	193
8. Beverage Bottles (plastic)	171
9. Straws/Stirrers	170
10. Bottle Caps (metal)	145

WHAT'S UP?

Come Join the Lodi Lake-Mokelumne River Cleanup On Saturday, September 19, 2015!

SIGN UP-

What: Coastal Cleanup Day at Lodi Lake Park and Mokelumne River

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SHOW UP:

When: Saturday, September 19, 2015, Pre-registration Opens 8:00 A.M.

Cleanup from 9:00 to Noon. **BRING SIGNED LIABILITY RELEASE FORM!**

Where: Meet at Lodi Lake Park- Discovery Center, 1101 W. Turner Rd., Lodi, CA 95242

Who: Anyone who provides a signed Liability Release form can volunteer

CLEAN- UP: Trash from parks and streets often ends up in local waterways creating a marine hazard downstream. A Cleanup is the RIGHT thing to do. Come help cleanup.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AVAILABLE at:

www.Lodi.gov or by emailing kgrant@lo迪.gov.

WHAT IS COASTAL CLEANUP DAY?

When it all began...

- The Coastal Commission is celebrating 31 years!
- 2015 is San Joaquin County's 17th year
- 2015 is Lodi's 13th year

2014 Summary- Lodi Lake- Mokelumne River- Volunteer Count: 254 signed waivers- 10 leaders- 437 lbs. mixed garbage; 50 # recyclables; 53 bags of trash. To learn about the other trash "species" that are a problem for our coast and shorelines, why we want them to go extinct, and how you can make it happen, go to: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/marinedebris.html>.

Every year, on the third Saturday in September, people join together at sites all over California to take part in the State's largest volunteer event, California Coastal Cleanup Day. In 2014, nearly 67,000 volunteers removed more than 1,190,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes, and waterways. Families, friends, coworkers, scout troops, school groups, service clubs, and individuals come together to celebrate and share their appreciation of California's fabulous coast and waterways. The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, which is the largest volunteer event on the planet!

It Works Like This: The Lodi Lake Park area is divided into sections, or "reaches", with a 10-15 person team designated to clean each reach. Each team is led by one or two team leaders. Once the reach is cleaned of trash, teams then sort and record all debris found. Data is submitted to The Ocean Conservancy's international database and City of Lodi to identify sources of marine pollution, to devise solutions, and measure the public's "garbage footprint". Each year, a statewide contest for the "most unusual item found" is held. Lodi has won twice in 12 years with students finding an unscratched CA lottery ticket and a crawdad in a knock-off Gucci purse.

Become a Sponsor or Leader. Contact kgrant@lodi.gov or call 209-333-6800- ext. 2317 for more information.

TEACHERS/LEADERS- Got a Group? *Pre-Registration required!* Get waivers signed before the event and provide a list of participants at sign-in on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at 8:00AM.

PRE-REGISTER:

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Liability Release Forms are For Everyone! For volunteers under the age of 18, the Waiver of Liability Release forms must also be signed by a parent/guardian and be turned in beforehand to a participating teacher/leader, or on day of cleanup. *No work may be performed without these forms signed by a parent/guardian.* The Waiver of Liability Release Form is available by clicking on the Coastal Cleanup link on the City of Lodi website www.lodi.gov, or by contacting Kathy Grant, kgrant@lodi.gov. Forms will also be available at the cleanup on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Discovery Center at the front of Lodi Lake.

Dress for Work: Volunteers are encouraged to wear work clothes, closed-toe shoes, gloves, sunblock, and hats. Bring a reusable water bottle and your own bucket. The City of Lodi, San Joaquin County and sponsors will provide a limited supply of gloves, bags, grapplers, and refreshments. *Please help us reduce the waste at cleanups by coming prepared.*

GO GREEN! Bike to Lodi Lake! Several sites in San Joaquin County have been designated as bicycle friendly. Lodi Lake Coastal Cleanup participants are encouraged to ride their bicycles to the cleanup event. A bicycle valet and safe parking area will be designated near the Discovery Center. Be sure to bring a bike lock.

Need Educational Material? Teachers/Scout leaders - For more information or classroom curriculum, see www.coast4you.org.

Interested in Being a Sponsor? Call Kathy Grant, City of Lodi's Watershed Program Coordinator, (209)333-6800- x. 2317, or email kgrant@lodi.gov