

# LSU - Louisiana Sea Grant's OCEAN COMMOTION 2009

October 22, 2009

LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center

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The Louisiana Sea Grant College Program invites you and your students to attend **OCEAN COMMOTION 2009**, a special educational event that celebrates stewardship of our aquatic, coastal and marine resources. **OCEAN COMMOTION** is designed for K-8 students and their teachers. Exhibitors will present interactive and/or hands-on displays that give students opportunities to learn about and touch plants, animals and products of our wetlands, coasts and oceans upon which Louisiana's citizens are so dependent. Special emphasis will be placed on Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. Students will take home unique experiences and an expanded appreciation of Louisiana's coastal environments and the need to conserve our state's resources.

**OCEAN COMMOTION 2009** will take place at the **LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center** on **Thursday, October 22, 2009**, from **8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Exhibit viewing will be divided into *two time slots*, each two hours in length, with the first time slot reserved for 5-8 grade students and the second reserved for K-4 students. We ask that you incorporate the event into the academic work of your students. There is *no cost* for admission however you **MUST** be registered to attend. **Reservations are required and will be accepted on August 14** until full. *Registrations received before August 14 will not be accepted.* Registration for each viewing session will be limited to avoid over-crowding of exhibits. *Separate viewing sessions have been reserved for grades K-4 and 5-8.* Schools planning on visiting **OCEAN COMMOTION** must ensure that there is at least **one adult chaperone for every 10 students**. Students must stay with their chaperones during their walk through the exhibits. **Lunch is not provided. No food will be sold.**



Invited exhibitors include a variety of state and federal agencies, educational groups and private organizations whose activities cover a wide range of ocean-, wetland-, and coastal-related topics. Last year, 68 exhibitors were present, including the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, LSU Museum of Natural Science, LSU Coastal Fisheries Institute, Sensory Safari, Louisiana Department's of Environmental Quality, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Natural Resources, LUMCON and the Baton Rouge and Audubon zoos. A list of participating exhibitors will be posted on our Web site at [www.LaMER.lsu.edu](http://www.LaMER.lsu.edu). An 80 second video and a scrapbook of Ocean Commotion can be viewed at the site. <http://www.lamer.lsu.edu/projects/oceancommotion/index.htm>.



Teachers will receive confirmation within two weeks of receipt of **completed** registration forms. Incomplete forms will not hold your school a spot. We require **all** the information requested on the form to confirm your registration. A packet of teaching materials will be mailed 2-3 weeks before the event. This packet will contain links to aquatic and/or coast-related activities that teachers can use in class to prepare their students for the event. Many exhibitors will also have materials for you, such as posters and teaching materials, which can be picked up at each individual booth.

**We encourage teachers to help their students make the most of this educational experience!** This event provides an opportunity for students to participate in a wide range of hands-on activities that are intended to be learning experiences. We strongly encourage teachers to approach this event as an extension of their classroom and to help students to make the most of the learning experience. Attached is a registration form for schools that plan to bring students to **OCEAN COMMOTION 2009**.

Sincerely,  
**Dianne Lindstedt**  
*Ocean Commotion* Coordinator  
Louisiana Sea Grant College Program

# OCEAN COMMOTION 2009 School Registration Form



REG #: _____
DATE: _____

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*Please print clearly!*

**1** School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please circle: Public Private Home

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish

City, state Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Teacher(s) Supervising Trip:  
Print clearly all teacher names that will be attending. Only **contact** teachers will receive information packets prior to the event.

Teacher Name (first & last)	Grade	Teacher Name (first & last)	Grade

TEACHER CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Grade Level(s) and choice of viewing time slots:

Grade Level	No. of students (approximately)	No. of adult chaperones	My students will be attending at
			<input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 - 10:45 (grades 5-8 only) <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 - 1:30 (grades K-4 only)
			<input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 - 10:45 (grades 5-8 only) <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 - 1:30 (grades K-4 only)
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NOTE: Registrations will be accepted only from schools that ensure a 10:1 ratio of students to adult chaperones.

**4** Parking Registration and Permit Requests:  
In order to provide adequate parking, we need an estimate of the total number of:  
school buses: \_\_\_\_\_ personal cars: \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to include estimated parking passes needed for chaperones driving personal vehicles.

**5** Certification of Understanding  
I certify that our teachers will prepare students participating in *Ocean Commotion* so that they will make the most of this educational event and that adequate chaperones will be provided at one chaperone per each 10 students (required). Schools that do not comply with this requirement will risk rejection of applications in future years.

Contact Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**6** Registration begins August 14 until full  
Confirmation of acceptance of registration will be FAXED back to schools within 14 days of receipt.

Send registrations to:

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