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BTNEP STILL NEEDING VOLUNTEERS FOR 2018 BAYOU LAFOURCHE CLEAN UP EVENT

THIBODAUX, LA - The Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) is still accepting volunteers for its 7th Annual 2018 Bayou Lafourche Cleanup on March 10, 2018.

The cleanup event will be held from 8am-12pm and is projected to clean up 106 miles of the bayou from Donaldsonville to Leeville. The cleanup will be done mostly from boats, but volunteers will also be needed to clean in areas around bridges and along the bayou side. Volunteers are needed in all areas along the 106 miles. Please consider joining BTNEP for the morning or even a few hours. Every volunteer will receive a t-shirt.

The purpose of the cleanup is to raise awareness about marine debris and clean the body of water that provides the drinking water for our area. It also brings awareness to the growing push towards the EPA's Trash-Free Waters campaign.

"If you have a boat and have not been in Bayou Lafourche, this is a great opportunity to explore your backyard natural resource and help to clean it," said Alma Robichaux, Bayou Lafourche Cleanup Project Coordinator.

Anyone wishing to sign up to volunteer for the March 10 event can register online at https://form.jotform.com/80085599208162 or contact Alma Robichaux at alma@btnep.org or 985-447-0868.

BTNEP is one of the 28 national estuary programs in the United States. All or parts of sixteen Louisiana parishes are located in the Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary system. The organization was established under the EPA Clean Water Act to protect coastal resources. BTNEP is a partnership of government, businesses, scientists, conservation organizations, agricultural interests and individuals for the preservation, protection, and restoration for the Barataria Terrebonne National Estuary in southeast Louisiana. For more information on BTNEP, visit our website page at www.btnep.org or like us on Facebook.