

Barnegat Bay Blitz

May 9, 2012



Toms River Intermediate North student Joe DiGiacomo with Commissioner Martin at the Blitz closing event.

"I thank these volunteers and commend them for their dedication and spirit of cooperation in helping to restore Barnegat Bay, an ecological treasure that is important to all of New Jersey."

DEP Commissioner Bob Martin



MATES Academy

BLITZ 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Total Volunteers: 2,412

Residents: 597

Students/Teachers: 1,815 (from 17 schools)

731 bags of Trash

575 bags of Recycling

In addition, 3 full dumpsters & 3 dump trucks

Join dozens of local schools and thousands of volunteers including community members, students, and State and local government officials at the second watershed-wide cleanup of Barnegat Bay.

Schools can participate in following ways:

- Classes or after-school clubs can organize cleanups around their school grounds
- Schools can organize a field trip to local off-site cleanups

By participating in the Blitz, your school is eligible to receive the following support:

- Teacher resources such as lesson plans, educational activity guides and in-school presentations on how students can help protect the Barnegat Bay;
- Support from the NJDEP Team Captain in your municipality in organizing the cleanup event;
- Recognition for your school on the Barnegat Bay Blitz Web site and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commissioner of the NJDEP.

For more information about the Blitz or to register your school to participate visit www.nj.gov/dep/barnegatbay/bbblitz.htm



2011 BLITZ PARTNERS:





Top: Students at the Forest Resource Education Center clean up along the Metedeconk River in Jackson, New Jersey.

Bottom: Students from Ship Bottom tally up the day's finds.

Top: A student from the MATES Academy discovers the "barnacle bike" in a Stafford Township wetland.

Middle: Students from Lavallette Elementary School pose with bags of trash and debris collected from the Lavallette Bayfront.

Bottom: Students in Harvey Cedars embrace the concept of teamwork while carrying out a piece of driftwood from the bay front.

