

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our trained volunteers perform the following functions:

- Morning beach surveys
- Evening nest watches
- Nest relocations
- Nest excavations
- Administrative/Reporting
- Presentations for schools and civic groups
- Exhibitors at ecological fairs and civic events

*All activities are conducted under the permit authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.*

**BSTP volunteers must:**

- Be 18 or older
- Be reliable
- Be a member of BSTP
- Have a cell phone and email

Call (904) 613-6081 or email [admin@bstp.net](mailto:admin@bstp.net) to volunteer.



Extinction is Forever . . .

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**Report Dead, Injured or Disoriented Sea Turtles to:**

BSTP: (904) 613-6081  
(Atlantic, Neptune & Jax Beaches)

Florida Fish and Wildlife:  
(561) 575-5407  
(All other areas)

**Report Harassment of turtles or turtle nests to:**  
FWC Law Enforcement  
1 (888) 404-FWCC or \*FWC

\* Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol is a registered Florida nonprofit corporation with 501(c)(3) status granted by the IRS. All donations are tax deductible.



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# Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol

*Working for the preservation of endangered marine turtles*



Sea turtle nesting season is May 1 through October 31.

**Patrolling  
Atlantic,  
Neptune and  
Jacksonville  
Beaches**

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## DANGERS TO SEA TURTLES

Duval County turtles are part of the northern family of turtles who are more threatened than the southern turtles, perhaps due to the lack of a large area of nesting sites and the cooler weather.

### Adult turtles face mostly man-made threats:

- Loss of habitat.
- Disorientation from artificial light.
- By-catch in shrimp trawls.
- Ingestion of plastic bags, balloons, ribbon and other debris mistaken for food.
- Poaching.
- Obstacles on beach which prevent nesting.

### Hatchlings face both man-made and natural threats:

- Disorientation from artificial light.
- Nest predation by animals and human vandals.
- Predation after emergence by birds, crabs and marine life.
- Obstacles on beach that can trap hatchlings.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Limit nighttime beach activity during nesting season.
- Turn off or shield all beach lighting & keep seaward windows covered.
- Keep beach clean of trash, debris and beach furniture.
- Do not disturb sea turtle tracks, eggs, adults, hatchlings, or nest markers.
- Do not use flash photography or flashlights (even red-filtered ones) on the beach at night.
- Heed instructions by BSTP volunteers if you are fortunate enough to witness an emergence.
- If you find a hatchling, do not put it in the ocean. Place it in a bucket of moist sand, cover with a towel and call BSTP immediately.
- Buy a Sea Turtle Specialty Tag for your vehicle.
- Support BSTP's efforts by making donations, adopting a nest or purchasing t-shirts & other BSTP gear (see website for more info).

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 (Individual)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 (Family)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 (Supporter)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 (Contributor)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Other contribution)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Nest adoption (\$25 min, BSTP members only)  
Name on nest: \_\_\_\_\_

### NEW!

### BSTP T-shirt w/logo on front and back

How many?: CHILD: SM \_\_\_\_\_, MED \_\_\_\_\_  
ADULT: SM \_\_\_\_\_, MED \_\_\_\_\_, LG \_\_\_\_\_, XL \_\_\_\_\_, 2X \_\_\_\_\_  
@ \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
+ \$3.00 S/H PER SHIRT if mailed.

**\*TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make checks payable to: "Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol, Inc." Mail check with completed form to:

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