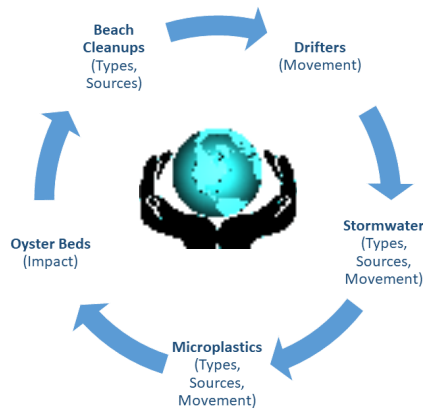


Youth Summit November 17 - Join us!

Be a part of the solution for preventing and removing marine debris in the Gulf of Maine

The Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation (GOMLF) and partners will be hosting a Youth Summit focused on Marine Debris. Funded by the NOAA Marine Debris Program as part of a two year project, we invite you to join us for an afternoon workshop to discuss and plan for preventing and removing marine debris in the Gulf of Maine. You will learn about the types and sources of marine debris, how the debris moves through the watershed, how it is transported by ocean currents, the impact on human and ecosystem habitats and resources, and design the solutions to reducing debris in the marine environment. Come hear about what we've been working on for the last two years, and how we can all work together for the future!



To participate, join us on the afternoon of Friday, November 17, 2017 where we will:

- ★ Create teams for your community to tackle the issue
- ★ Learn from speakers, work with peers, brainstorm solutions and create plans
- ★ Share your ideas with members of the Gulf of Maine Marine Education Association (GOMMEA) who also want to help
- ★ Design and implement local action plans

Who? Any interested youth in New England (ages ~10-20).

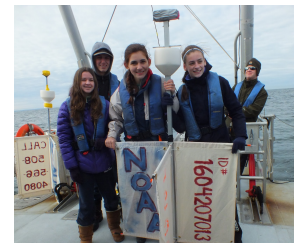
Where? **Seacoast Science Center**, 570 Ocean Boulevard, Rye NH 03870.

When? **12pm - 5pm** Youth Summit, **5:30-7pm** GOMMEA Meeting. We will provide lunch and pizza for dinner and ask that you stay until at least 6:15pm to present to GOMMEA members.

To register, visit : www.gomlf.org/getinvolved/youth-summit-2017

Community service hours will be provided upon request and some travel support is available, contact us for details.

Contact Cassie Stymiest: cassie@gomlf.org or 207-619-1259
with questions or for more information



Why should we get involved? Here are just 5 reasons:

1. In the ocean there are ~5.25 trillion plastic particles.
2. For every foot of coastline there are approximately five grocery bags filled with plastic, according to estimates in 2010.
3. Six continents have microfiber washing up on their shores.
4. Each year, 8.8 million tons of plastic goes into the oceans.
5. On average, Americans use 220 pounds of plastic per year.

Source: Beach Chair Scientist, 2017/10/05