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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS HOPE TO BAG BEACH TRASH, HOTEL STAY

Saturday Sept. 18 will be a lucky day for the area's local beaches, the Ala Wai Canal and Boat Harbor and one local volunteer.

As part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' National Public Lands Day, more than 200 volunteers are expected to participate in collaboration with *the Get the Drift and Bag It International Coastal Clean-up* program.

Last year's volunteers collected 125,080 pounds of trash from more than 98 miles of shoreline.

This year's event begins at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy, the Ala Wai Canal (corner of McCully and Kapiolani Blvd), Ala Wai Harbor Masters Office and Ala Moana Beach Park at 8 a.m. where volunteers will pick up supplies and refuse data cards prior to combing beaches from the Ala Moana to Diamond Head.

One lucky volunteer will go home with a weekend package from the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel as sponsored by the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association.

Information entered on the data cards goes into the Ocean Conservancy's international database, which identifies the sources of debris and to help devise solutions to marine debris problems. Site coordinators who turn in data cards to the Regional Visitor Center by 4 p.m. on Saturday are eligible for the random drawing for the Sheraton weekend hotel package.

Local sponsors of the event: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District, the Ocean Conservancy, National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, University of Hawaii Sea Grant College, State of Hawaii Department of Health Clean Water Branch, State of Hawaii Harbor Masters, City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Service, City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu Refuse Division, City and County of Honolulu Department of Road Maintenance, Ala Wai Watershed

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NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Association, Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, Home Depot, Waikiki Aquarium and Waikiki Improvement Associations as well as numerous cooperating agencies are providing the supplies and support necessary to make this year's event a success.

For more information about the event or the Regional Visitor Center, contact Iwalani Sato, Park Ranger, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 808-429-4112 or Derek Chow, Senior Project Manager, Ala Wai Canal Project, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at 808-438-7009.