

Here is the cleanup plan for Saturday at the Belhaven Beach/Waterworks location. I've got everything mapped out so make sure to double check everything before arriving.

PARKING will be divided between 2 areas based on how many people fill up Site A. Parking A is located at the very end of Laurel Street right next to the Water Treatment Plant gate. Since space is due to fill up we have Parking B located at Laurel Park. If you are parking there the walk to the cleanup location is just up the hill.

We'll start at 8 am sharp & will have a trailer. Kayakers, you can load your equipment onto the trailer & we will take you to the ramp by the Dam Site. Make sure you bring clothes you don't mind getting wet or dirty & a rain jacket in case we have precipitation. Any garbage bags are also appreciated (I'll bring several packages with bags to the site as well as water bottles) as are bringing your own safety gloves.

The plan for each cleanup location are as follows:

*PARKING A will be our first cleanup site as garbage is thrown down from the interstate on an almost daily basis.

*DAM SITE is the first location we travel to. It consists mostly of small Styrofoam pieces and plastic bottles. This will be the bulk of our plastic debris. We will launch Kayaks from this area because of the ramp leading into the river.

*BELHAVEN BEACH is mostly cluttered with debris on the Northern Section. I'll take the Milsaps students arriving at 9am to this location which consists mainly of aluminum cans & old tires. Cleanup here shouldn't take more than half an hour.

*SANDBAR 1 is a little south from Belhaven Beach & across the river. This is the "can graveyard" so be prepped for aluminum & have at least one person available to cut the cans to empty out mud & reduce overall carrying weight.

*SANDBAR 2 can be accessed via trail or kayak. It isn't as dirty as the other sandbars though still contains cans & plastic debris. The trail walk is about a half mile long through the woods & may be a little muddy depending on rain this week.

*KAYAKERS, since most of the crew are going to be on land I'm leaving it up to you to scan the areas on the opposite sides from the major cleanup sites. Use your own discretion about how much garbage your boat can carry. We'll fly out drones over the water once we do our initial sweep to make sure we didn't miss any debris.

*I will be keeping a close eye on the weather & water levels this week to ensure as smooth a cleanup as possible. Depending on the river height some of the sandbars may be underwater, so obviously there won't be anything we can do as far as that goes. Hopefully the water stays low for the big day!

*Make sure you absolutely bring mosquito spray, safety gloves, & water to drink. Let's stay safe on this project & have fun.

*We will recycle as much debris as possible. Our recycling pickup will not be until Monday after the event, but we have the ok to place recyclables underneath the interstate bridge until pickup. If all goes well our friend [Andy](#) should have a dumpster for us to us ready sometime this week where we can dispose of nonrecyclables & miscellaneous items.

If you guys have any questions between now & cleanup feel free to contact me via FB Messenger or my number at 6019271360. I'm hoping the weather & river height works out in our favor to make everything go smoothly. If there is any change in plans due to weather check here first as it will be the fastest way I can reach all of you.

Once again, I'm glad all of you are joining in & spending your time to help make this river better for all & for future generations!

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