SoundWaters Corporate Volunteer Options

SoundWaters was founded 30 years ago with the mission to protect Long Island Sound through education. Since our founding, we have served hundreds of thousands of students and adults to build a deeper interest and literacy in science for improved school achievement and raise awareness about causes and solutions to dangers that threaten the health of the Sound.

Your employees live, work and play in the region defined by Long Island Sound, a vital but fragile natural resource. Joining forces with SoundWaters to protect the Sound is healthy for your company, your employees and the community. We offer three different volunteer activities: the Marina Trash Skimmer, Coastal Cleanups and Team Volunteer Projects. Each activity requires a tax-deductible donation to SoundWaters that goes directly to support SoundWaters environmental education efforts.

Marina Trash Skimmer

Marine debris (trash) in Long Island Sound affects animals, plants and our quality of life. SoundWaters needs your help to study the problem. We are researching the problem with our new marina trash skimmer located in Harbor Point. The trash skimmer looks like a floating dumpster and operates like a large, industrial-sized pool filter, filtering water 24 hours a day to capture floating debris. Volunteers are needed to sort and count the debris and record their findings. Your team will be contributing to an on-going research study.

SoundWaters will:
- Provide all trash skimmer materials.
- Provide an educational component so that all participants walk away with a deeper, more meaningful understanding of Long Island Sound and our greater environment.
- Share the event on SoundWaters social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram, on our website and in our newsletter.

Maximum Number of Participants per Session: 12
Donation: $250
Time Commitment: 90 minutes, generally 4 - 5:30pm
Availability: Weekdays, April - October

Note: The Marina Trash Skimmer is located in Harbor Point, which is convenient to the Stamford Train Station, has plenty of free parking and many food and beverage options for post-skimmer activities.

Coastal Cleanups

Our coastline is the front porch to Long Island Sound. It is also the entry and exit point for trash. SoundWaters invites corporate groups of all sizes to enjoy a day of purpose at the beach while fostering growth and teamwork. Your team will immediately see the impact they are making to improve the marine environment and walk away with a deeper, more meaningful understanding of Long Island Sound and its fragile ecology. Your team will split into groups, collect and remove debris and record the findings. The data recorded will support research and pollution prevention initiatives.
SoundWaters will:
- Provide all cleanup materials.
- Arrange for any parking passes and permits.
- Provide an educational component so that all participants walk away with a deeper, more meaningful understanding of Long Island Sound and our greater environment.
- Share the event on SoundWaters social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram, on our website and in our newsletter.

Participants: Donation
Up to 25 Volunteers $500
25 to 50 Volunteers $1,000
50 to 75 Volunteers $1,500
75 to 100 Volunteers $2,000
Over 100 Volunteers $2,500

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours
Availability: Mutually agreeable date and time

Team Volunteer Projects

SoundWaters has a small staff and limited funds so team volunteer projects days are an important and valuable resource. Team volunteer projects are designed to give your team an inside look into SoundWaters daily operations. Your team will be split into smaller groups to help the SoundWaters staff accomplish big projects. Projects may include landscaping, small boat repair and cleaning, safety equipment cleaning, building boat racks, program material preparation, painting and more. During the event, your team will build and strengthen employee relationships while helping SoundWaters to pursue its mission to protect Long Island Sound through Education.

SoundWaters will:
- Provide all materials and instruction.
- Provide an educational component so that all participants walk away with a deeper, more meaningful understanding of Long Island Sound and our greater environment.
- Share the event on SoundWaters social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram, on our website and in our newsletter.

Participants: Donation
Up to 50 volunteers $1,500
More than 50 to be discussed

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours - generally 9am - 12pm or 1pm - 4pm.
Availability: Selected weekdays, April 1 - June 19 and August 17 - October 31