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Grand Bay NERR hosts National Estuaries Day

MOSS POINT, Miss. – The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will celebrate National Estuaries Day on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Reserve.

Participants will be able to explore the Reserve by boat and learn how scientists conduct research in the field and use that information to protect estuaries and other coastal habitats. Boat rides will be from 8 a.m. until noon.

The Coastal Resources Center at the NERR will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., those who attend will see interactive displays and exhibits from other organizations. Lunch will be provided by Chevron to the first 200 people to arrive.

Anyone interested in a boat ride must make a reservation. The NERR will provide life jackets, but parents must bring appropriately sized life jackets for infants. Those taking a boat tour should wear closed-toe shoes and bring snacks sunscreen, bug spray and bottled water. They also may want to bring binoculars and cameras.

To make a reservation, call 228-475-7047 or email avery.sward@dmr.ms.gov.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at dmr.ms.gov.

The Grand Bay NERR is managed through a state-federal partnership between the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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