

# ***SEABEE CENTER NEWS***

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## **Press Release**

### **Seabee Center celebrates Earth Day**

GULFPORT, Miss. – Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport welcomes more than 400 Ocean Springs 5<sup>th</sup> graders, April 22, when it hosts its annual Earth Day celebration.

The elementary school students will make their first stop at the Training Hall at approximately 9:30 a.m., for an official welcome from NCBC Commanding Officer, Capt. Rick Burgess. He will also announce which student classroom won an Earth-Day-themed poster contest. The students will then get to see a presentation of “Watershed Harmony,” a musical puppet performance designed to promote environmental awareness and responsibility.

While the students enjoy the show, other Earth Day events take place for service members, employees and their family members on the Fitness Center Track from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community participants include the Pascagoula Audubon Society, Mississippi Museum of Natural Sciences, Mississippi Power, NOAA Fisheries and the Harrison County Conservation District. Base representatives from Naval Facilities Command Public Works, the Qualified Recycling Program and Balfour Beatty Communities will also be on hand with static displays and information booths.

At the conclusion of Watershed Harmony, the students will join the other guests at the track to review the displays and participate in activities. The global theme for Earth Day 2013 is “The Face of Climate Change,” which was chosen to highlight the mounting impact of climate change on people around the world. Founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day was first organized

in 1970 to promote ecology and respect for life on the planet as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution. More than 1 billion people participate in Earth Day each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

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