

# THE PALS PRINTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF ALABAMA PALS AND THE ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PROGRAM

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES BY SPENCER RYAN:

As our Country, cities, counties, businesses, and families continue to search for answers to many questions during the past months, I am constantly reminded about the hearts, beliefs, strengths and resolve of the wonderful individuals that make up each of these entities. The "We will get through this and be better for it" attitude that I have heard from many of you that have contacted us during these months, only reinforces my eternal belief that strength comes from adversity, and we will continue to lean on the **TRUTHS** that make us the determined people that we are. Thank you for your correspondence during this time and know that PALS has used this time wisely to better serve each of your communities for the future. Know that each of you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Adversity is not a new term to any of us, and

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## 33RD ANNUAL ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP Get the Trash Out of the Splash



## 2020 ALABAMA PALS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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☐ Sustaining Steward: \$ 250

☐ Litter Free Leader: \$100

☐ PALS Advocate: \$50

☐ PALS Partner: \$25

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*"Alabama Communities Working  
Together for A Cleaner and  
More Beautiful Alabama"*

## THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY JEFF HELMS, CHAIRMAN, ALABAMA PALS

Out of adversity comes opportunity.

Benjamin Franklin's oft-quoted proverb has never been more true than in 2020.

In this time of sickness, fear, isolation, and turmoil, there is hope for a brighter tomorrow.

COVID-19 forced us to slow down and enjoy the simpler things. Gardening, family meals and reading made a resurgence. Parents and children began playing more — and praying more.

Companies, churches and grandparents embraced technology as a way to stay connected.

We saw compassion and generosity play out in support for small businesses, hungry families, weary healthcare workers and brave first responders.

But like Job, who was bombarded by a steady stream of heartbreaking reports, America faced not only physical disease, but also emotional and spiritual sickness.

Injustice fueled grief and frustration. Broad generalizations and incriminations were cast, leaving our country more divided than ever.

Still, beyond the sensational headlines and angry social media posts, there remains hope.

Conversations are taking place. Understanding is being sought. Reconciliation is happening.

If we unplug from the negativity, we find opportunity — a chance to make ourselves and our world a better place.

For that to happen, we can't forget the lessons of 2020.

We must continue to make time for faith, family and community. We should reject the lure of cynicism and celebrate the good in others.

If COVID-19 taught us anything, it's that we are all interconnected and interdependent.

We rely on each other socially, economically and emotionally.

Alabama PALS has demonstrated this truth for more than three decades. Among our volunteers, you'll find young and old; black and white; Democrat and Republican — all bound by a common desire to protect the environment and keep Alabama beautiful.

Through your work, Alabama PALS highlights the blessing of relationships built through service and the satisfaction found in conserving our natural resources.

2020 has been a good year for Alabama PALS. We've been able to maintain our funding and staffing. Program participation is growing. And, we are unveiling a new public service announcement and Clean Campus video.

Best of all, our PALS volunteers are showing what can be done when we confront adversity with unity, optimism, initiative and determination.

—Jeff

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there are many that have stated their opinions of what adversity means.

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity" -Albert Einstein

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of overcoming" -Helen Keller

"Where there is no struggle, there is no strength" -Oprah Wynfrey

As we prepare for the remainder of 2020, and look forward to 2021, we do so with continued faith, optimism, and The TRUTH that we look forward to working with each of you as we further the mission of a cleaner and more beautiful Alabama.

There are many new and exciting things to share with each of you, and we look forward to the completion and implementation of each of the new program additions.

PALS is in the process of completing the Alabama Clean Campus online video. For the 2020-21 school year, those that are not able to schedule Jamie for an on-campus program, will have the ability to have students, teachers, faculty and staff experience the program with the on-line version of this most popular program. The program will be available to all Alabama public and private schools. In addition, PALS will offer new "hand outs" for participating students and teachers. We look forward to providing this opportunity to your respective school or school system for the 2020-21 school year.

The 33rd Alabama Coastal Cleanup is currently scheduled for September 19th through September 27th, 2020. Plans are currently being made to ensure that all safety precautions are in place for all zones and volunteers. Coordinators are also discussing several ways to distribute all materials and supplies for all 30 zones in a safe and effective manner. Coordinators encourage all Zone Captains to continue to monitor all updates at [alabamacoastalcleanup.com](http://alabamacoastalcleanup.com). Updates will also be posted on Facebook and the PALS website at [alpals.org](http://alpals.org).

In the updates to all of the 2020 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring cleanup cities, counties and volunteer groups, we have stated that PALS will continue to accept Report Forms from all statewide groups through July and into August if needed. We understand that each area and community is different and therefore we will continue to work with each of your respective cleanup groups in a manner that best fits your needs.

The 2020 Alabama PALS Annual Governor's Awards Program is scheduled for Wednesday November 18th at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Inside this edition you will find the Nomination Forms for the 2020 awards program. Please take time to nominate those special individuals, groups and others that continue to make a difference in your respective city or county. We look forward to having you and your groups join us for this exciting annual award program. Any updates will be posted on Facebook and [alpals.org](http://alpals.org).

In closing, I want to express my appreciation again for the phone calls, emails, messages and notes of support that we have received during past several months. As I know to be the TRUTH, The PALS statewide family is something extra special and that continues to be the TRUTH because of each of you. Thank you for your part in making the PALS family what is and will continue to be in the future.

Warmest Regard,



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## MESSAGE FROM:

JAMIE MITCHELL – Clean Campus State Coordinator

Well, 2020 has certainly been one for the record books so far! The good news is PALS and the Clean Campus Program have used this strange time to get more organized and implement new and exciting additions to an already outstanding program! We can't wait for teachers to see the new "goodies" we have for them and their students for the 2020-2021 school year! And with our new Clean Campus video, we will be able to reach even more students than ever!

With schools shut down last spring, we had to postpone our Poster and Recycled Art contests. The new deadline for the 2019-2020 contests is September 25th, 2020. The theme for the **Poster Contest** is still **"Litter Just Isn't Normal,"** and the **Recycled Art Contest** has no set theme. All rules and forms for the contests can be found here in our newsletter and online at **www.alpals.org**. We will still have a separate spring contest as well, but we will post

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## CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

Either fill out form and mail to Alabama PALS Attn: Jamie Mitchell

340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or apply online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org)

Current Member? \_\_\_\_ Y or \_\_\_\_ N      Circle One:    City School    County School    Private School

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email for Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Our school has reviewed the requirements for the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program and is therefore applying to be a participating school in this statewide program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Contact Person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### PRINCIPAL PERMISSION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal), give consent for \_\_\_\_\_

school to participate in the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PARTICIPATION FORM

Please Complete and Return to The PALS Office  
340 North Hull Street / Montgomery, AL 36104

Name of Participating Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Group or Individual on Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
State Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Highway # \_\_\_\_\_ County Highway or Road # \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of Sign: Mile Marker# \_\_\_\_\_ to Mile Marker # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Currently Participating  
\_\_\_\_ Not Participating at This time and want sign taken down  
\_\_\_\_ Participating But Sign Needs Replacing or Repaired

Adopt-A-Mile Program  
Application for  
Highway Adoption - State/Federal

City \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant (Participating Organization) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway section(s) you propose to adopt:  
(minimum of one mile)  
State or U.S. Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_ to Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_  
State or U.S. Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_ to Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature of Applicant  
Recommended for Approval:  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

Interested in "adopting"  
Fill out application form and mail to:  
Alabama PALS  
340 North Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104  
Form/Application can be submitted  
online at alpals.org

County Adopt-A-Mile Program  
Application for County Road Adoption

County \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant (Participating Organization) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Road section(s) you propose to adopt:  
(minimum of one mile)  
County Road Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_ to Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_  
County Road Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_ to Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature of Applicant  
Recommended Approval:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Engineer  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, County Commission

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation  
Interested in "adopting"  
Fill out application form and mail to:  
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online at alpals.org

MESSAGE FROM:

JOHN COOPER  
Director, Alabama Department  
of Transportation

Summer is a particularly exciting time for travelers around the country, especially after the unprecedented spring we've all lived through. The family road trips, weekend excursions to the lake and annual vacations to Alabama's beautiful beaches and state parks have once again begun. While there is predicted to be far less summer travel this year, we still will see travelers from all over the country and our scenic roadways will be the backdrop to their travels. That is why keeping Alabama free of litter is so important.

The partnership between the Alabama Department of Transportation and Alabama PALS has brought state government, non-profit groups and, especially, dedicated volunteers together for over thirty years together with programs like Adopt-a-Mile. We hope to keep Alabama's roads pristine and beautiful every day of the year. We have approximately 860 miles of highway adopted but we want 100% of Alabama's highways adopted through our program. With your help, it is possible.

On behalf of ALDOT, thank you for your commitment to our ongoing battle against litter. Together, we're making a difference.  
- John

## PALS 2020 POSTER CONTEST

### GUIDELINES:

- Theme: "Litter Just Isn't Normal"
- K-6th (Two categories K-3rd and 4th-6th)
- Standard White Poster or Foam Board (May be split in half)
- All mediums acceptable
- Posters will be judged on clarity of theme, age-appropriate neatness, originality, overall design and inclusion of helpful information or tips.
- Back of Poster must include the following:  
**\*\*We really need ALL this information!!\*\***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email for Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email of Point of Contact at School: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL posters are **due in the PALS office by Friday, September 25th, 2020**

### WINNERS:

First Place: \$200 & Award

Second Place: \$25 & Award

Third Place: \$25 & Award

Honorable Mention: Award

**\*\*All winners will be recognized at our Governor's Awards Luncheon on November 18th, 2020\*\***

## 2020 POSTER RECYCLED ART

information regarding that contest in our Winter Newsletter, so stay tuned!

Remember to have your own contest at the school first and only send in your 1st and 2nd place winners for statewide judging. Please attach all requested contact information to the backside of posters and recycled art pieces. Encourage lots of creativity with your contests!!

All winners will be notified by October 9th and will be invited to attend our Annual Governor's Awards Luncheon on November 18th, 2020.

Please also remember to enroll or renew your membership in the Clean Campus

### Send posters to:

Alabama PALS  
Attn: Jamie Mitchell  
340 N. Hull Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

*Please contact Jamie with any further questions at:*  
(334) 263-7737  
Jamie@alpals.org

**\*\*\*Winners will be notified by October 9th. If your poster is not chosen, you may pick it up at the PALS office no later than October 16th\*\*\***

# POSTER AND ART CONTEST

Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Schools can participate in the Clean Campus Program by simply enrolling online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org), and the program is completely FREE to all Alabama schools thanks to ALFA, The Alabama Farmer's Cooperative and Coca-Cola. If I can answer any questions or provide any assistance at all, feel free to give me a call at (334) 263-7737.

Let's work together to keep our campuses across the state litter-free! Just give me a call or email at [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org) to set up a speaking program for the school year or to get your school onboard!

—Jamie

**ALL Recycled Art projects may either be mailed into the PALS office OR photos of your project may be submitted by email to [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org). If mailing/delivering your project, send to:**

Alabama PALS

Attn: Jamie Mitchell

340 N. Hull Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

*Please contact Jamie with any further questions at:*

(334) 263-7737

[Jamie@alpals.org](mailto:Jamie@alpals.org)

**\*\*\*Winners will be notified by October 9th. If your piece was submitted digitally and is chosen as a winner, it must be arranged to be delivered to the PALS office after notification. If your piece is not chosen, you may pick it up at the PALS office no later than October 16th. \*\*\***

## PALS 2020 RECYCLED ART CONTEST

### GUIDELINES:

- No set theme, so get CREATIVE and ORIGINAL!!
- 7th-12th grades
- May work alone or with one friend
- Piece may be 2-D or 3-D and any size, as long as it can be easily moved.
- Art must be made entirely of materials that are eligible for recycling or that would be otherwise considered trash, except for a small amount of fastening materials such as screws, bolts, wire, welding, glue, tape and twine.
- Pieces will be judged on originality, visual impact, overall design and craftsmanship.
- Please include the following information with each submitted piece:

**\*\*We really need ALL this information!!\*\***

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email for Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email of Point of Contact at School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Art pieces due by mail, delivery or email by September 25th, 2020**

### WINNERS:

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| First Place:       | \$200 (to be divided if working with a friend) & Award |
| Second Place:      | \$25 & Award   |
| Third Place:       | \$25 & Award   |
| Honorable Mention: | Award  |

## ALABAMA PALS CLEAN CAMPUS



### West Elementary School Joins Clean Campus Program

West Elementary in Cullman County is new to the Clean Campus Program for the 2019-2020 school year. The Student Government Association is heading up the program for the school and is excited to get their student body involved! The SGA has big plans to participate in local community cleanups, as well as beef up their recycling on campus. They also plan to enter our scrapbook competition in the fall to show off all the hard work they have done.

On a recent visit to West Elementary, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Student Government Association and helping them understand the program better. I also spoke to the entire student body so they will understand the Clean Campus Program's objectives and why it is important to tackle the litter problem in our state. The students really seemed to understand that not only is litter ugly and can harm animals, but litter can also cost us a lot of money thanks to the new litter laws in the state. The minimum fine for littering in the state has increased from \$500 to \$1,000... littering is definitely not worth it!

Would a school near you benefit from hearing about the Clean Campus Program? If so, have them give me

a call or email at (334) 263-7737 or [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org). As always, the Clean Campus Program is available at no cost to schools thanks to our corporate sponsors. Litter prevention truly is key to a clean and beautiful future for Alabama's youth! 🌻

**33RD ANNUAL  
ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP**  
Get the Trash Out of the Splash





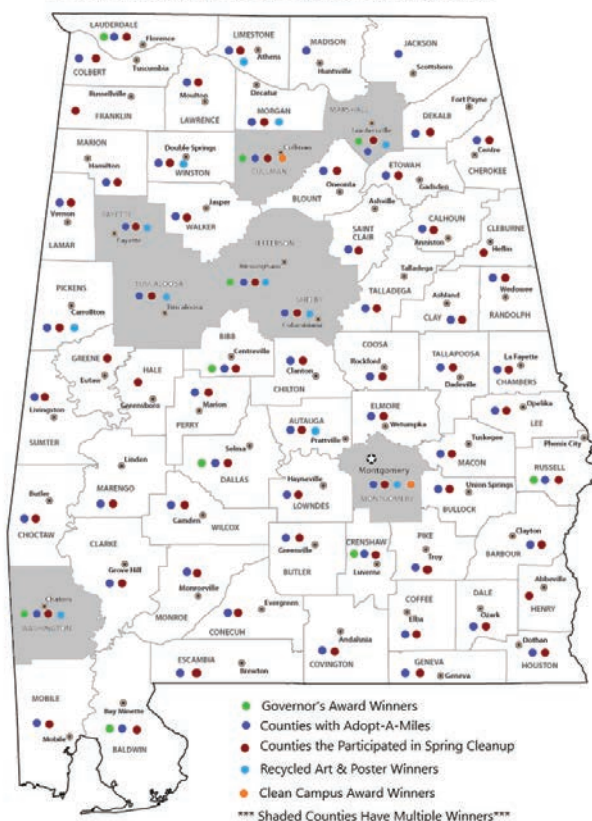
## Southampton K-8 Joins the Clean Campus Program

Alabama PALS is thrilled to have Southampton K-8, a Birmingham city school, as a new member of the Clean Campus Program this year. The students at Southampton are very enthusiastic about getting their program up and running! They plan to participate in campus clean-ups and all PALS contests associated with the program.

I was fortunate enough to visit with the students of Southampton K-8 recently, and we talked about developing a plan for their school to follow. Schools are encouraged to shape the program in a way that works best for their curriculum and students. The purpose of the Clean Campus Program is to create a framework for the school to set goals to accomplish throughout the year to promote a cleaner campus and community. The students at Southampton were eager to define their intentions for the year and map out a plan to get there.

Great job, Southampton K-8, on your willingness to join the program and set goals for yourselves! Would a school near you benefit from hearing about the Clean Campus Program? If so, have them give me a call or email at (334) 263-7737 or [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org). As always, the Clean Campus Program is available at no cost to schools thanks to our corporate sponsors. Litter prevention truly is key to a clean and beautiful future for Alabama's youth! 🌻

2019 Alabama PALS Program Activity Map



# Webb Elementary Joins Clean Campus Program



Webb Elementary in Houston County was a new addition to the Clean Campus Program for the 2019-20 school year. I was honored to visit with the students of Webb Elementary a few weeks back and teach them about the importance of keeping their school and community litter free.

In our time together, the students listened and answered questions about the origins of litter and ways litter can appear “accidentally.” They learned that only half of all litter is intentional and the other half comes from unintentional sources such as wind blowing over trash cans or wrappers and bags that fly out of the backs of trucks. The students took a pledge not to litter and to be on the lookout for ways to prevent unintentional litter. We also talked about always taking the extra steps to find the trash can at sporting events or at the park so that small wrappers and bags do not become litter.

Being a part of the Clean Campus Program means that students will think twice when finishing a drink or snack. Our goal is for these students to become lifelong stewards of the world around them! Would a school near you benefit from hearing about the Clean Campus Pro-

gram? If so, have them give me a call or email at (334) 263-7737 or [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org). As always, the Clean Campus Program is available at no cost to schools thanks to our corporate sponsors. 🌟

## CLEAN CAMPUS AWARD (SCRAPBOOK CONTEST) UPDATE:

We realize this 2019-2020 was not your average school year by any stretch of the imagination! Please still plan to participate in the Annual Clean Campus/Scrapbook Contest! We are still awarding the \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 prizes, so fill out the forms and find those pictures to send in by October 9th! We understand that spring is typically when a good portion of environmental education and events happen, so just send us what you’ve got! We appreciate all the effort and energy that you put into the Clean Campus Program, and we want to reward you for it! Please feel free to call or email with any questions at (334) 263-7737 or [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org). Thank you!!!

# 2020 CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS



# ALABAMA PALS/ALFA/AFC/COCA-COLA CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM STATEWIDE COMPETITION

## 2019-2020 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

***NOTE: Scrapbooks are Encouraged***

Name of Participating School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Did Clean Campus Committee meet at least once each month to evaluate the progress of the program? \_\_\_\_\_

How many campus clean-up events did school have? \_\_\_\_\_

Did school participate in monthly campus litter pick up? \_\_\_\_\_

Did school hold campus cleanup in April to coincide with Alabama PALS Annual Spring Cleanup? \_\_\_\_\_ N/A for this school year \_\_\_\_\_

Does school participate in some form of environmental education program? \_\_\_\_\_

Does school participate in an ongoing recycling program? \_\_\_\_\_

**First Place School – \$ 1,000.00 • Second Place School – \$750.00 • Third Place School – \$500.00**  
**Nominate Your School Today!!!!!!**

When answering the following questions, please attach additional sheets if necessary. Also, please attach any documentation (photos, etc.).

What was the single most important reason that your school made the decision to enroll in the Clean Campus Program? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What goals did you set for your school to achieve in the Clean Campus Program? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List all events held to promote the Clean Campus Program, include the date of each one. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How has participation in the Clean Campus Program influenced the student body and/or faculty? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What influence, if any, do you think that the school has had on the surrounding community since becoming a member of the Clean Campus Program. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief (no more than 2 page) narrative explaining why your school should be selected to receive one of the scholarships.

**All Nomination Forms and Attachments Are Due In The PALS Office by October 9, 2020!**

# 2020 ALABAMA PALS AWARDS

## THE 2020 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PROGRAM



Wednesday, November 18, 2020 • 12 Noon  
Renaissance Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama

Make Plans Now to Join Us On This Special PALS Day!  
Bring Your Chapter Leaders, Volunteers and Others That  
Share A Vision Of A Cleaner and More Beautiful Alabama.

*We Look Forward to Having You And Your  
Guests Join Us For This Special Awards Day.*

## 2020 GOVERNORS AWARDS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Competition is open to ALL Alabama City and Counties
2. Nominations for outstanding anti-litter projects by individuals, organizations, Businesses, civic groups, PALS Chapters and Affiliates, schools, etc. will be accepted in following categories.  

**Vulcan Volunteer of the Year • County • City • Special Media**  
**Coca Cola "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Award • Education • Judicial**  
**Law Enforcement • Business and Industry • Adopt A Mile • Adopt A Stream**  
**Don Hines Memorial Award • Jean McRady Service Award • Coastal Cleanup Award**
3. Nominations should include name of nominee, name of person nominating, description and classification of nominee, location of nominee's anti litter activity, size of area affected, number of individuals involved, length of time of project, and a narrative of work accomplishments.
4. Final judging for the statewide awards will be determined only from nominations forwarded to the PALS Office.
5. Nominations MUST be submitted to the PALS office at 340 North Hull St., Montgomery, AL 36104 by October 11, 2020.
6. Statewide winners will be recognized with a handsome plaque to be presented at the PALS Governors Awards Program on **November 18, 2020**.

***We wish you and your Groups the Best and  
Look Forward to Recognizing Each of Your Winners!!!!***





## 2020 “Don’t Drop It On Alabama” REPORTING FORM

Name of Participating Group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Cleanup \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People Involved \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Spent on Cleanup \_\_\_\_\_

Tons Collected \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds \_\_\_\_\_ Bags \_\_\_\_\_ Dumpsters \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bags Used \_\_\_\_\_

Pounds of Recycled Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans \_\_\_\_\_

State/Federal/County Roads Cleaned (Highway#) \_\_\_\_\_

If Landfill Opened for Cleanup/Tons Taken to Landfill \_\_\_\_\_

Were ALL bags used? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE Mail ALL Forms to  
Alabama PALS, 340 North Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104  
or [spencer@alpals.org](mailto:spencer@alpals.org)

# BE A STEWARD OF THE GARDEN



I hate litter! Litter is so... trashy. You have seen how littered the roads are in front of your house and our county in general. Do you ever think about dedicating a little time each week or month to cleaning it up? Your effort and commitment would be rewarding and would not go unnoticed

by your neighbors. Maybe the next month they will help you be a good neighbor... a good steward of The Garden.

For the last several years, Friends of the Locust Fork River (FLFR) has been leading clean ups at numerous locations in Blount County. With the help of many volunteers,

we have picked up tons of trash. Much of the plastic, glass, and aluminum gets recycled. The rest of the collected trash ends up in landfills. FLFR's goal is to keep our county's litter out of our streams and wetlands. However, the trash reappears on the roadsides month after month. Frustrating, but just complaining about irresponsible people will not keep the roadsides clean.

PALS (People Against A Littered State) hates litter as much as I do. PALS is a state wide organization dedicated to making our state more beautiful by sponsoring citizen engaged programs focusing on cleaning up litter in Alabama's streets, streams, campuses, and coastlines. Each county has a PALS membership/sponsor through the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. Along with other dedicated sponsors, Alabama Department of Transportation, ALFA, Coca-Cola, Alabama Farmers Co-op, and others want a place "we" are proud to show visitors to our state.

The entire month of April is Alabama PALS "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Statewide Spring Cleanup. Friends of the Locust Fork River has completed the registration form to officially participate in the 2020 campaign. You and your organization, business, church, school, etc. can also participate. PALS has challenged their county representatives to find 50 additional groups to join the 2020 statewide cleanup. PLEASE think about signing up. Blount County needs your help. More information can be found at the PALS website [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) or contact your Blount County PALS representative, Danette Heindrich, at [dheindrich@blountcountyal.gov](mailto:dheindrich@blountcountyal.gov) or 205-625-6868 ext. 3502.

After your participation in the 2020 cleanup campaign, you will be interested in investigating other PALS programs including Adopt A Mile, Adopt An Area, Adopt A Stream, and Clean Campus. Through commitment to one of those programs, you can continue to be a part of making Alabama The Beautiful... Blount County The Beautiful. These programs are a good way for "we the people" to give back to our communities with the help of our employer, church, or school. We need to remember we are stewards of The Garden. It is a responsibility bestowed upon us. "When we see the world as a gift from God, we will do our best to take care of it and use it wisely, instead of poisoning or destroying it" - Rev. Billy Graham

# 2019 ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

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# 33RD ANNUAL ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP

Get the Trash Out of the Splash



visit [www.alabamacoastalcleanup.com](http://www.alabamacoastalcleanup.com) or call 251-928-9792

The 33rd Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup is September 19th through September 27th, 2020. The official cleanup will last the full week to allow volunteers time, location, and distance to participate safely.

The kickoff, keeping with tradition, is the third Saturday of the month, September 19th. Participants can expect confirmation of most cleanup zones in the two coastal counties. As in past years, recycling efforts will include clean plastic #1 (clear plastic

bottles) and aluminum.

New this year, debris data will be tallied using the Ocean Conservancy's "Clean Swell" app available in the App Store or Google Play. With the week-long event, participants can choose when and where to clean up, including their neighborhoods.

"A Watershed is an area that drains water to a central location. For example, area streams enter Dog River and the Dog River goes to Mobile Bay. Mobile Bay flows to

the Gulf of Mexico," said Spencer Ryan/Exec. "Cleaning up your neighborhood keeps trash out of the watershed. It is a great way to protect our local waterways and the Gulf."

Organizers expect more event details later this summer. They ask volunteers to be patient as they work out event safety details. Get information on the Alabama Coastal Cleanup on the Facebook page or website, [www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com).

## ADOPT-A-STREAM APPLICATION FORM

Name of Participating Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Proposed Stream Crossing: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Location for Adopt-A-Stream Signs (Hwy #'s, Mile Markers, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Send Applications to Alabama PALS, 340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104  
Application can be submitted online at [alpals.org](http://alpals.org)

## Alabama's Coastal Cleanup

*Get the Trash out of the Splash!*

On Saturday, September 19, 2020, thousands of volunteers will descend on beaches, lakes, and streams of Alabama to remove trash and debris — on land and under the water. Volunteers of all ages will form the largest one-day volunteer event in the state on behalf of clean oceans and waterways — Alabama's Coastal Cleanup.

### Pollution prevention is the key

Alabama's Coastal Cleanup isn't just about pollution cleanup — it's also about pollution prevention. The event focuses on educating and empowering people to become a part of the marine debris solution.

What makes the Alabama Coastal Cleanup unique is its data collection component. Volunteers record specific types of marine debris being found, allowing Ocean Conservancy, sponsor of the International Coastal Cleanup, to compile, analyze and track this data year-by-year and make discoveries about the behaviors that cause the debris.

The final information is used to educate the public, business, industry, and government officials about the problem. We believe understanding the problem is the key to finding long-lasting solutions.

Over the past 32 years...

--102,495 volunteers have participated in the Alabama Coastal Cleanup.

--6,285 miles of coastline have been cleaned.

--1,705,349 pounds of debris have been removed.



The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is coordinated by





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## Dates to Remember

### September 17th

Alabama Coastal Cleanup Materials  
Distribution Day

### September 19th-27th

2020 Alabama Coastal Cleanup

### September 25th

PALS Poster and Recycled Art Contests  
Nominations Due in PALS Office

### October 9th

All Clean Campus Statewide Competition  
Nomination Forms and Scrapbooks  
Due in PALS office

### October 11th

All Nominations for 2020 Governor's  
Awards Due in PALS Office

### November 18th

Alabama PALS Board Meeting 9:30am  
Alabama PALS Governor's Awards  
Program 12 noon

## 2019 ALABAMA PALS QUICK FACTS

### Annual Partnership with ADCNR/State Lands/Coastal Section

#### Title Sponsor/Poarch Band of Creek Indians

5,500 + Volunteers • 30 Cleanup Zones

45,000 Pounds of Litter Removed

Plastics and Aluminum Recycled

All Materials Supplied Through Alabama PALS

Recycled Plastics and Aluminum at all 30 Zones

3 Radio PSA's provided by ABA

#### 2019 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup

#### Title Sponsor/Coca-Cola

Materials provided to 64 counties statewide

Over 660 tons of litter Reported

Recycling Initiated in Counties

Provided Approx. 175,000 Trash Bags Statewide

#### 2018-19 Alabama Clean Campus Program

500+ Alabama Schools Enrolled

19 On Campus Programs During 2019-20 School Year to Date

Clean Campus Scholarships and Awards to Be Presented at 2019  
Governor's Awards Program

#### Alabama Adopt A Mile Program Partnership with ALDOT

Total Miles Adopted Statewide – 816

Federal Miles – 218 • State Miles – 243 • County Highways – 356