

The Friends of Scusset Beach offer several items for sale as a means of fund raising.

These items are available at the park and at Friends events for purchase.

Friends baseball cap\$10.00



Scusset Beach Stickers.....\$2.00



Post Cards.....\$1.00



What is a Friends Group?

Friends groups are organizations dedicated to supporting specific DCR properties through volunteer work, fundraising, providing programs & events, and advocacy.

What does a Friends Group do?

Friends groups undertake a variety of activities, which can include workdays at the park to help with a project, organizing fund raisers to help purchase much needed equipment or supplies, or serving as an advocate for the park when needed. Friends groups are essential partners in protecting and enhancing DCR's parks. More than 70 groups are working across the state to enhance our forests and parks system.

Why now?

Given the fiscal climate and the current economy, now is the perfect time for a Friends group to aid in making improvements to Scusset Beach possible. The Friends Group can help us leverage funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Matching Partnership grants to improve the park. As well as assisting with the projects and their fund raising.

What can I do?

It's up to you! Some people are very active in their Friends groups; serving on the Board of Directors, attending meetings, working on committees. Other people are content to pay their membership dues knowing that they will support the park...or somewhere in between. The level of involvement is up to each individual member. Stop in at the next meeting - get to know us and what we do.

I'm interested!

Want to join the Friends of Scusset? Print and fill out the membership form printed from the website and mail it with your yearly dues to:

Friends of Scusset Beach
Scusset Beach State Reservation
20 Scusset Beach Rd.
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815

Telephone: 500-888-0859

Website: www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

email: scussetfriends@live.com

Look for Friends of Scusset Beach on Facebook, too.



Scusset Beach Friends

President: Elise Smith
Vice-President: Ray Moreau
Treasurer: Linda Porazzo
Secretary: Leslie Lee Sennett

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FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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President's Corner:

Summer greetings,

Hope everyone is enjoying their stay at Scusset Beach this summer. It is nice to see that the playground is being used daily as is the basketball hoop. We are working on getting some shade structures for the benches at the playground so that it is more comfortable for parents and grandparents to sit while supervising their children having fun on the playground.

The staff this summer have been doing an excellent job keeping the grounds maintained for all of our guests. The beach has been very busy with the hot July days we had.

As you know, the shark population is growing each year and although we have not had any incidents, the entire life guard crew, including their supervisors, were trained and certified in Stop the Bleed this year. We have to be prepared for these situations as the shark population increases.



The Stop-the-Bleed program, in which participants learn how to apply pressure, tourniquets and hemostatic dressing, provides the necessary training to save a life. A person can bleed to death in just 10 minutes so immediate attention can save a life before first responders reach the scene. Each kit contains a tourniquet, pressure dressing, hemostatic dressing and gloves. Kits have been purchase for Scusset.

Finally, thanks to all of the Friends of Scusset Beach, volunteers and donors! Our park has come a long way in the last 10 years with multitudes of improvements and additions. Thank you all for this. I will be stepping down as president this year and wish all the best to my successor.

Happy Camping!

Elise Smith, President

Friends of Scusset Beach, Inc.

John's Corner

Happy Sumer 2019 everyone.

It has been a very busy July here at the park, after our very wet May & June. People have come out to fish, beach and camp. The staff has been great and working hard to keep everything clean and nice, so hats off to them.

Speaking of Staff. With the ever-increasing Shark sighting in Cape Cod Bay, Friends member Linda Gosslin volunteered her time to come down and teach all lifeguards and supervisors the "stop the bleed" program. The park has been equipped with several stop the bleed kits along with the hope we never have to use them. DCR has developed and ordered special flags and warning signs for use in shark sightings and a protocol is being worked out with the Town of Bourne and Sandwich. All of this was none to soon as on Tuesday July 30th a White Shark was spotted off the beach and the water was closed for 2 hours for public safety.

I am also sad to acknowledge that Secretary Leslie Sennett and President Elise Smith have decided to retire from officer positions in the Friends group. Leslie has been a great addition with her computer and marketing skills. Elise has been a driving force behind the formation



John DeCosta, Park
Supervisor Scusset Beach
State Reservation

of Friends and the many projects and fund raisers we have undertaken in the last several years. I will miss both in their capacity in the friend's group.

However, this does present and opportunity for other members to step up and assist the group in a different way. Please contact me if you are interested in helping to serve as an officer.

Finally, we were just awarded a partnership fund match for the upcoming year (\$5,000 plus \$10,000 DCR) to continue to make improvements to the Reservation including a public water fountain for humans/Dogs at the office building and a bike repair station among other things

Thank you all and enjoy the rest of 2019
John

News & Events

- The next Friends Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 21 at 12:00 PM, Nature Center, Scusset Beach Campground.
- Safari Field camping (no electric or water)-For more information, contact: Linda Porazzo, 617-851-3798, or Porazzo@comcast.net
 - ✓ August 8-11, 2019, \$27/night
 - ✓ September 19-22, 2019, \$27/night

Download the forms from our website under events: <https://friendsofscussetbeach.org/?cat=5>



8th Annual Scusset Beach 5K Run / Walk Road Race Saturday, 9/21/2019



20 Scusset Beach Road, Sagamore Beach 02562

- ★ Race start: 9:00 AM
- ★ Registration: 7:30 - 8:30 AM. day of race, or
- ★ Pre-register:
 - Adults \$25; Children under 13 yrs \$20
 - Teams of 5-10 racers ages 13 +: \$20 each
 (Team discount only available with pre-registration)

Register teams at:

<https://www.runreg.com/8th-annual-scusset-beach-5k>

- ★ Race day registration:
 - Adults \$30, Children \$25
- ★ Medals and Ribbons for winners in each age category

**For more information, contact: Ray Moreau,
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scussetfriends@live.com**