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28th Annual Clean the Bay Day on Colonial Parkway June 4th

Centennial event connects the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates with Historical Resource

(Yorktown, Va.) –Colonial National Historical Park in partnership with The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), Anheuser-Busch and other community organization volunteers will be out in full force for the 28th Annual Clean the Bay Day. Shoreline cleanup is scheduled this year for Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. until noon.

"Clean the Bay Day is a great way for local residents to do their part for the Colonial Parkway we enjoy every day," said Jared Markwald, Anheuser-Busch's Clean the Bay Day coordinator. "It's really become a tradition and is in lock step with the culture at the brewery that facilitates the need to get out and volunteer. With so many people working together, in just a few hours we make a huge difference in cleaning up the rivers and beaches along the parkway."

Volunteers are needed to help pick up litter and debris along the shorelines, especially in the areas of College Creek, Felgates Creek and Indian Fields Creek. This is a fun, hands-on way for families and communities to be part of the National Park Service mission for preserving our cultural and natural resources. Hard sole, closed-toe shoes and clothes appropriate to weather conditions and site conditions as well as long pants and long sleeved-shirts are recommended for rough terrain, brambles, etc. Work gloves, a hat, water, sunscreen, bug spray, and allergy medication (if you have allergies to bee stings, etc) are also considerations. *Clean the Bay Day* is a rain or shine event.

Located in the coastal plain of Virginia, Colonial National Historical Park extends over 24 miles between two tidal rivers, the James and the York, that both flow into Chesapeake Bay. Swamps and marshes offer rich environments for wildlife and plants, and shorelines provide important nurseries for fish, crabs, turtles, and oysters. It has the second highest number of species listed as rare, threatened or endangered within the Virginia national parks which contains almost the full spectrum of wetland habitats—saltwater, freshwater, and brackish waters.

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Colonial National Historical Park includes both Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield. Historic Jamestowne is jointly administered by the National Park Service and Preservation Virginia and preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Yorktown Battlefield interprets the final major battle of the American Revolution, the victory of General George Washington's army which secured independence for the United States. The Colonial Parkway continues to link the sites in its 23 miles, and is today recognized as an "All-American Road."

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