

Service Learning Opportunity

FOR UNIVERSITY COURSE **INSTRUCTORS** AND **STUDENTS**

Conduct Environmental Monitoring on Deer Island

Reserving Dates for Spring 2014 **NOW!**

- **COMMUNITY NEED**

Deer Island is located within easy paddling distance of Biloxi, Mississippi, offering a highly visible and accessible nature adventure to many coastal residents. Since 1850, the island has lost 750 acres to coastal erosion. Many of the trees on the island experienced a long, slow death after being submerged in the 25 foot storm surge of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. State and federal agencies have targeted the island for several restoration projects. This service learning project will monitor the island to assess its condition with continuing changes.

- **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Students will learn specifics of coastal ecology, beach erosion, and environmental stewardship through program activities. Instructors may address additional objectives through pre-trip discussions with project staff.

- **REFLECTION**

The schedule includes time for students to consider how their service has benefited both the community and themselves.

The Mississippi Tidelands Trust Fund Program will sponsor participation by a limited number of university groups, including: room and board for 15 people (including instructor) at GCRL for 5 days and limited local transportation.



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