

# OCEAN COMMOTION OUTDOOR EXHIBITOR UNLOADING AND PARKING

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

**PROCEDURE FOR EXHIBITOR UNLOADING:** Unloading and loading will occur in the Bernie Moore Parking Lot (104) by the LSU Track Stadium. Entry to the lot is from Nicholson Drive.



- Check-in with the registration table staff. There will also be some breakfast items there.
- Exhibitors can set up along the pathway between the track and the Field House.
- Additional exhibitor vehicles will need to be driven to Tiger Park (Lot 406). There should be a sign and an attendant. This is to allow enough space for the buses.
- Take the shuttle or walk and return to set up your exhibit.
- If the helicopter is coming (weather and schedule permitting), leave the northwest corner of the lot open.

## **DIRECTIONS TO EXHIBITOR PARKING AREA FROM THE BERNIE MOORE LOT**

- Exit the southern portion of the Bernie Moore Lot onto Nicholson Drive (note: traffic is one way on West Chimes Street by the Natatorium)
- Get in the far left turning lane (toward LSU Foundation and the dorms).
- Curve around the backside of the dorms on Gateway Garage Lane. Then turn **right** onto Skip Bertman Drive.
- Continue down Skip Bertman, passing over the railroad tracks and the athletic center.
- **Turn left** into the **406 Tiger Park Lot**. There should be a parking attendant and an Ocean Commotion sign.
- We will have shuttles running from 7:30 - 8:30 am and 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

# PROTOCOLS FOR THE DAY

**Exhibits:** Ocean Commotion is a one-day education event with many exhibits on coastal issues. Exhibits are set up both in the PMAC and outside near the bus arrivals in the Bernie Moore Lot.

**Exhibitor Arrival:** Outdoor exhibitors can drop off supplies at the Bernie Moore Lot (map above) on **October 25 from 7 am – 8 am**. Tables will be delivered in the morning for your use.

**Check-in:** You can check in one of three places to get your exhibit number:

- PMAC Traffic Attendant (October 25 – indoor or outdoor)
- Volunteer Table at Portal C (indoor exhibitors only)
- Registration Table in Bernie Moore Parking Lot (outdoor exhibitors only)

**Student Arrival and Session Times:** Schools come through the PMAC in two sessions. All groups should be chaperoned, and all adults should be wearing wristbands. If you observe unchaperoned students, please let someone from Sea Grant know. All Sea Grant staff will be wearing the navy blue Ocean Commotion shirts to make them easier to identify.

- Session I: Begins at 8:45 am and ends at 10:45 am
- Session II: Begins at 11:30 am and ends at 1:30 pm

Outdoor exhibitors can anticipate higher attendance at the beginning and end of the sessions, as schools travel to and from the PMAC. Many students will be looking through your exhibits before their actual session starts as check-in begins as early as 8 am (Session I) and 11 am (Session II).

Indoor exhibits will be stationed around the concourse of the PMAC. Try to maintain a path in the center for other groups to pass.

**T-shirts:** If you have not done so, please let Vanessa van Heerden ([vanheerden1@lsu.edu](mailto:vanheerden1@lsu.edu)) know sizes and quantities. Upon arrival, you should find t-shirts for your presenters on the table at your booth. If you need to exchange a t-shirt, go to the Volunteer Table near Portal C.

**Meals:** Food will be provided, both at breakfast (7:30 – 8:30 am) and at lunch (10:45 – 11:30). For outdoor presenters, food will be brought out and distributed at the registration table in the Bernie Moore lot. There will also be an ice cream truck this year, in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Parking:** There is limited parking in the Bernie Moore Lot. We will be optimizing space for school bus parking. And there may be a five-minute window when the parking lot is closed as the helicopter lands. Ask one of the Sea Grant staff about where to leave your vehicle. Additional parking has been reserved spaces in 406 Tiger Park Lot. Directions are provided above. There should be both a sign there and a parking officer. Parking is by permit only. If you need extra parking passes, contact Vanessa (225.276.2324). Vehicles without LSU parking permits or parked in illegal areas will be ticketed and towed (University policy). Shuttles will be available.

**Rain Event:** Ocean Commotion happens rain or shine. In the event of rain, outdoor exhibitors can set-up in one of two places: (1) on the ground floor under the PMAC by the entrance which is protected from rain or (2) under the tents on the upper level of the PMAC. Option 2 limits the set-up time as this is also where traffic comes through.

**Packing Up:** Outdoor exhibits can be packed up starting at 2 pm, once all students have left.