

Subject: Jamaica Bay Terrapin Research Season--volunteers needed!

Once again we are seeking new and returning volunteers to help with the diamondback terrapin (DBT) research and conservation project at Jamaica Bay (NYC) in June and July 2016. It is still cold outside, but oftentimes folks need to plan pretty far ahead. A lot has changed at JB recently and we have lots of new projects, so this year is bound to be exciting.

Volunteer work can be arranged around anyone's summer schedule. The volunteer experience varies tremendously between people because of differences in abilities. Most of our volunteers come out one or two days/week, others come out for one longer stretch of days or weeks. Work mostly involves walking thru known nesting areas and looking for nesting DBT, then following a standard protocol for marking nests, capturing DBT, and data collection. We do not work with volunteers under the age of 17. We regularly make arrangements for students to get college credit for their work experience.

The research site is easily accessible from NYC, Long Island, and nearby NJ by car, subway, or bus. Volunteers are never more than a 20 minute walk to the Jamaica Bay Visitor Center, which is air conditioned and has water and restrooms.

To learn more, visit our web site at jbtr.org. To join us, email me at biorlb@hofstra.edu. You can also join us at the Facebook group Jamaica Bay Terrapin Research and Conservation.
