



2009 Project *Limulus* Update and Call for Volunteers

Spring has sprung and the 2009 horseshoe crab spawning season has begun. We have already started tagging crabs in Stamford, New Haven, and Groton. This year promises to be even better than last since we have had numerous groups join our efforts! We will have taggers in Rye, Wantagh, and Brooklyn, New York this year as well as numerous groups joining us in Rhode Island.

We are hosting a variety of informational talks and demonstrations again this year. For further information on the schedule of events, check out our website at:
http://www.sacredheart.edu/pages/13694_training_and_workshops.cfm

We will be conducting spawning surveys on various beaches throughout CT, NY, and RI. As before, we will have beach captains who have volunteered to coordinate the surveys and tagging efforts. A list of the beach captains and their respective beaches follows. If you would like to participate on a beach that is listed below, please contact the beach captain directly. If you think you would like to survey and/or tag horseshoe crabs on a beach that is not listed below, contact info@projectlimulus.org.

The spawning surveys will take place on the following dates:

May 7, 9, 11 (full moon)

May 21, 23, 25 (new moon)

June 5, 7, 9 (full moon)

June 20, 22, 24 (new moon)

July 5, 7, 9 (full moon)

Tagging can be done anytime. If you would like tags, please contact the beach captains closest to the beach where you would like to tag. The beach captains will train you (or refresh you) and then assign you tags. You must be responsible for turning in your data sheets to the beach captain before you may obtain additional tags. If you would like to tag on a beach that is not listed or if you have any questions you can contact us at info@projectlimulus.org