

General Expectations for BGSTA Turtle Patrol Volunteers -

- **Must recognize that the FOCUS of the Turtle Patrol is to gather and accurately document information about the nesting sea turtles for reporting to scientists and others at the FWC and other entities. The volunteer must commit to this focus and limit distractions while performing patrol duties.**
- **Must be available and commit for the entire season (April 15 – October 31) with the exception of short breaks.**
- **Must be available and commit to walk a MINIMUM of three (3) days/week. Consecutive days are advised for new volunteers.**
- **Must be willing/able to arrive on the beach at sunrise; some activities are required to be completed by 9 a.m.**
- **Must commit to complete their zone duties on days they are scheduled to patrol. The length of the beach zones are at least one (1) mile and walking roundtrip is often necessary. Time spent on the beach can vary from 30 minutes to 3 hours, depending on the duties required on any given day.**
- **Must be able to walk on sand and withstand summer heat/humidity. Patrols are conducted in all weather conditions except thunderstorms.**
- **Must be able to carry equipment (e.g., stakes, screen, buckets) and dig in the sand.**
- **Must be willing to work within prescribed BGSTA and FWC protocols, codes of conduct, and general guidelines. All such information will be provided to the volunteer during various training opportunities, which may include in-person and online training.**
- **Must be willing to collect beach trash while patrolling, when time and circumstances permit.**
- **Must provide their own transportation to/from an assigned zone. Bridge passes will be issued by the BGSTA and must only be used for assigned patrol duties.**
- **Must be willing and able to use their own mobile phone for photographic documentation and required mobile applications, as directed. Must also be able to use computer applications such as email whenever needed for communication of turtle patrol business.**