

THE PALS PRINTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF ALABAMA PALS AND THE ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PROGRAM



DIRECTORS NOTES

“After the Celebrations”

This summer has been an extraordinary time for the United States of America! Not only have we celebrated 250 years of our great nation, but we have also hosted millions of visitors from around the world for World Cup matches. Community pride and cleanups were on full display leading up to these monumental events, and we saw visitors on social media singing the praises of American hospitality and natural beauty. Alabama was even fortunate enough to host a pre-World Cup match in Auburn, bringing thousands of first-time visitors to Alabama, which garnered worldwide attention and praise.

So, now that these events are over, what comes next?

As important as the cleaning and planning was prior to these events, what happens afterward is equally consequential. The visitors have gone home, the roar of the crowds has died down, and all that is left of the fireworks shows are scattered remnants of plastic and cardboard. Just as we would cleanup after hosting guests in our own homes, it is time to tidy up once again in the aftermath and ask ourselves what can be done “after the celebrations.”

Let’s take our renewed sense of community pride and turn it into action. Encourage local businesses and



“Working Together for an Unlittered Alabama”



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PALS' PROGRAMS:

*The "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup
The Alabama Clean Campus Program
Adopt-A-Mile
Adopt-A-Stream
Alabama Coastal Cleanup
Litter Education Curriculum
Annual Governor's Awards
Statewide Chapter Network*

groups to adopt miles in your area. Talk with local schools about becoming a member of our Clean Campus Program to encourage litter pickup and prevention. You can also mark your calendar to participate in the annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup which will be held on September 19th this year.

Of course, PALS' volunteers have long been committed to keeping our communities clean, regardless of what is happening in the world around us. For that, we are beyond grateful. PALS' volunteers, corporate sponsors, board members, state agency partners, and members are all instrumental in keeping our state clean before, during, and after events, games, celebrations, parades, and even during everyday activities.

The numbers for this year's "Don't Drop it on Alabama" Spring Cleanup are still rolling in, but groups have already reported over 500 tons of litter picked up. That is a true testament to the power of everyone doing their part! On pages 12-17, you'll see the faces of this year's Spring Cleanup effort as well as our first ever Sponsor Spotlight featuring Coca-Cola United. We are thankful for their Title Sponsorship once again this year.

As this historic summer comes to a close, let's reflect on how fortunate we are to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. We are proud to call this beautiful state home, and as visitors from around the world recently discovered, Alabama's true beauty shines through its people.

— Jamie Mitchell



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

by Jeff Helms, Chairman

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her, through the night with the light from above.

These words, penned by Irving Berlin in 1918 during the waning months of World War I, have become an anthem of U.S. patriotism, often complementing the official Star-Spangled Banner. This song is both a plea to the Creator and a pledge of loyalty. Yet, somehow, we've lost sight of its call to stewardship.

Unless you're an Atlanta Braves fan and routinely hear opera tenor Timothy Miller belt out God Bless America during the seventh-inning stretch, you may have never heard the compelling prelude.

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Allegiance. Gratitude. Prayer.

This song calls us to honor not just a system of government or our national identity, but the LAND.

Land that we love! From majestic mountains to lonesome prairies to powerful oceans, this song is a petition for blessing with an implicit responsibility to be caretakers.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday this year, it's my hope our renewed patriotism extends beyond fireworks and flags. Let it rekindle within us a personal responsibility to be good stewards of the blessings we enjoy. Certainly, this includes civic engagement and honoring veterans, but it should also motivate us to demonstrate gratitude by protecting our natural resources.

If we truly love this land, we will safeguard it for future generations. If we appreciate the grandeur of towering peaks and the bounty of the fruited plain (different song), we will honor them by keeping this land clean. We will do our part to ensure our children and grandchildren can enjoy shining seas.

Even as I write these words, I know I'm "singing to the choir." You are the keepers of this land we love. You show your patriotism by picking up other peoples' trash and teaching our children that great blessing comes with great responsibility.

Thank you for everything you do for our state and nation. God bless America, our home sweet home!

In Memory of Margaret McElroy

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our friend and former coworker, Margaret McElroy. We honor and remember Margaret and her 20 years of hard work, loyalty and friendship to Alabama PALS, our partners, and our volunteers. After 2 decades with us, Margaret was much more like family than a coworker. We will certainly miss her spunk, sense of humor, and steady presence. She will be deeply missed. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



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Message From:
John Cooper
Director, Alabama
Department of
Transportation

Summer is a time when many Alabamians take to the road to enjoy vacations, outdoor activities and time with family and friends. As travel increases, so does the importance of keeping our roadways and communities clean.

At ALDOT, we see firsthand the impact litter has on Alabama's transportation system. In 2025, the state spent more than \$9.6 million collecting litter from roadsides. Those are resources that could otherwise be used to improve and maintain our transportation infrastructure. Litter also detracts from the natural beauty of our state and can create hazards for motorists, wildlife and the environment.

The good news is that every Alabamian can make a difference. Through the efforts of Alabama PALS, Adopt-A-Mile volunteers, schools, community organizations and local cleanup groups, we continue to make meaningful progress in keeping Alabama clean and beautiful. These partnerships demonstrate what can be accomplished when people take pride in their communities and work together toward a common goal.

As you travel this summer, I encourage you to do your part by disposing of trash properly, securing loads and never littering. Small actions can have a lasting impact. Together, we can help preserve Alabama's scenic beauty, protect our environment and ensure our roadways remain safe for everyone.

ALDOT Alabama Department of Transportation

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Alabama PALS is proud to present a new Litter Pick-up Reporting Page! Scan the QR code to be taken to the page where you can record your cleanup results for the "Don't Drop it on Alabama" Spring Cleanup, Adopt-A-Mile, Campus Cleanups, or any general cleanup. We'd love to see how many bags and/or pounds you are picking up! There is also an opportunity to share photos from your cleanups so that we can share them on our social media and in the PALS Prints Newsletter! We are so excited to have this new reporting feature and hope it makes reporting a breeze! A big thank you to ALDOT for helping make this possible!



39th Annual
ALABAMA
Coastal Cleanup
Get the Trash Out of the Splash

Saturday September 19, 2026
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM



visit www.alabamacoastalcleanup.com
 or call 251-621-1216

2026 ALABAMA PALS MEMBERSHIP FORM
 Form/Application can be submitted online at alpals.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- \$15.00/yr — Student Member
 - \$25.00/yr — PALS Partner
 - \$50.00/yr — PALS Advocate
 - \$100.00/yr — Litter Free Leader
 - \$250.00/yr — Litter Free Steward
 - \$500.00/yr — Litter Free Partner
 - \$1,000.00/yr — Sustaining Steward
- (Membership Dues are paid Annually)*

*Ask us about program sponsorships
 and planned giving!*

Alabama PALS is a 501C3 non-profit organization. Your contribution to Alabama PALS is tax deductible

Please Make Checks Payable to:

Alabama PALS, 8136 Old Federal Road, Montgomery, AL 36117



*You can now become a
 member online!*



“Working Together for an Unlittered Alabama”

*Message From:
Christy Waddell,
State Adopt-A-Mile
Coordinator*

As we move through another summer season, the Adopt-A-Mile and Adopt-A-Stream programs continue to make a positive impact across Alabama. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, countless miles of roadways and streams are being kept cleaner, safer, and more beautiful for everyone to enjoy. Each cleanup effort, no matter the size, helps protect our environment, preserve wildlife habitats, and showcase the pride we have in our communities.

While we celebrate the success of our current volunteers, there are still many roads and streams waiting for someone to make them their own. Whether you are an individual, family, business, church, school, or civic organization, your involvement can make a lasting difference. We also encourage our existing participants to share photos and stories from their cleanups so we can highlight your efforts and inspire others to get involved.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your continued commitment to keeping Alabama clean and beautiful. Together, we are creating a stronger, cleaner future—one mile and one stream at a time.

ADOPT-A-MILE

ADOPT-A-MILE GOAL GETTERS GROUP

This year was Anniston Taylor's senior year at Isabella High School in Autauga County, and she decided to Adopt-A-Mile. Here is her story in her own words.

I named the project the "Goal Getters Group." Growing up, I always heard the term "Go-Getter" as someone who works hard, takes initiative, and doesn't wait around for opportunities to be handed to them. That always stuck with me. I took it a step further and changed it to "Goal Getter" because people of all ages have goals. I added "Group" because I didn't want it to just be about me. I wanted anyone, no matter what age, to feel welcome to join and take part.

This project is also about accountability. I wanted to make an official commitment not just for myself, but to encourage others to follow through on their own goals and responsibilities. The Adopt-a-Mile sign is a visible reminder that someone cares and is taking ownership. It holds me accountable to stay consistent and helps me keep my goals in sight and within reach.

It's also about being a role model for my younger sisters, ages 8 and 3. I want them to see what it means to take responsibility, to serve, and to commit to something bigger than yourself. I want them to see what it means to be a "Goal Getter". I hope my sisters continue this project even as they grow up.

Maybe her story will inspire others to be "Goal Getters" too!



ALABAMA PALS MISSION STATEMENT

*"Alabama Communities Working Together for
A Cleaner and More Beautiful Alabama"*

Bibb County



ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PARTICIPATION FORM

**Please Complete and Return to The PALS Office
8136 Old Federal Road / Montgomery, AL 36117**

Name of Participating Group _____

Name of Group or Individual on Sign _____

City _____ County _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Email Address of Contact Person _____

State Highway Number _____ Federal Highway # _____

County Highway or Road # _____

Location of Sign: Mile Marker# _____ to Mile Marker # _____

____ Currently Participating

____ Not participating at this time and want sign taken down

____ Participating but sign needs replacing or repaired

**ADOPT-A-MILE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR
STATE/FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADOPTION**

City _____

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Highway section(s) you propose to adopt:

(minimum of one mile)

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant _____

Recommended for Approval:

Approved: _____

District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

**ADOPT-A-MILE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR
COUNTY ROAD
ADOPTION**

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Road section(s) you propose to adopt:

(minimum of one mile)

County Road number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

County Road Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant _____

Recommended Approval: _____

County Engineer _____

Chairman, County Commission _____

Approved: _____

District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

**Interested in "adopting"
Fill out application form and mail to:
Alabama PALS
8136 Old Federal Road, Montgomery, AL 36117
Form/Application can be submitted online at alpals.org**

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*Corporate Sponsor
Spotlight:*

COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY UNITED

Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED is a proud partner of Alabama People Against a Littered State (PALS) in support of cleaner, healthier communities across Alabama. Over the years, Coca-Cola UNITED has supported Alabama PALS through sponsorships, volunteer engagement and recycling initiatives that help reduce litter and promote sustainability. Both organizations share a commitment to preserving Alabama's natural beauty and encouraging responsible waste management practices.

From community cleanups and educational outreach efforts to statewide recycling and litter prevention programs, Coca-Cola UNITED associates have worked alongside Alabama PALS volunteers to make a lasting impact in the communities they serve. Coca-Cola UNITED is honored to continue its partnership with Alabama PALS and support its mission of keeping Alabama beautiful for all.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

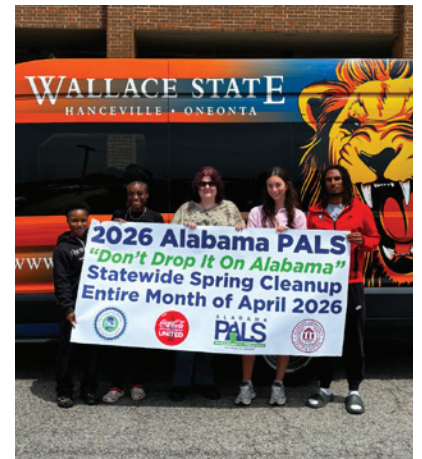
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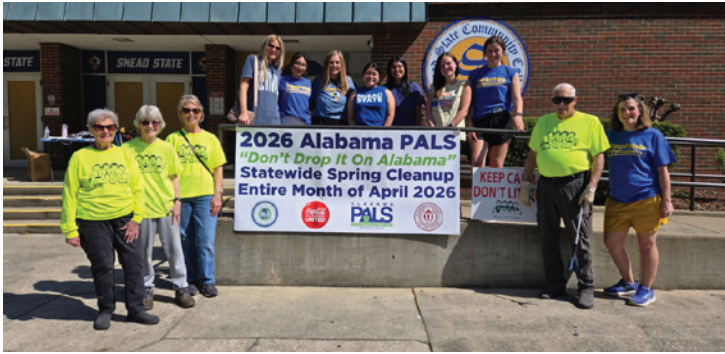
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Enterprise State



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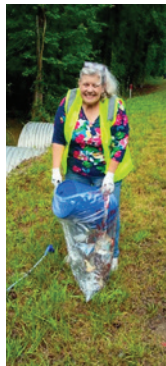
Pike Road



Homewood



Redland Hills Church



White Oak Garden



Walker County Fire

Scottsboro



CLEAN CAMPUS

by Shay Grant, Clean Campus State Coordinator

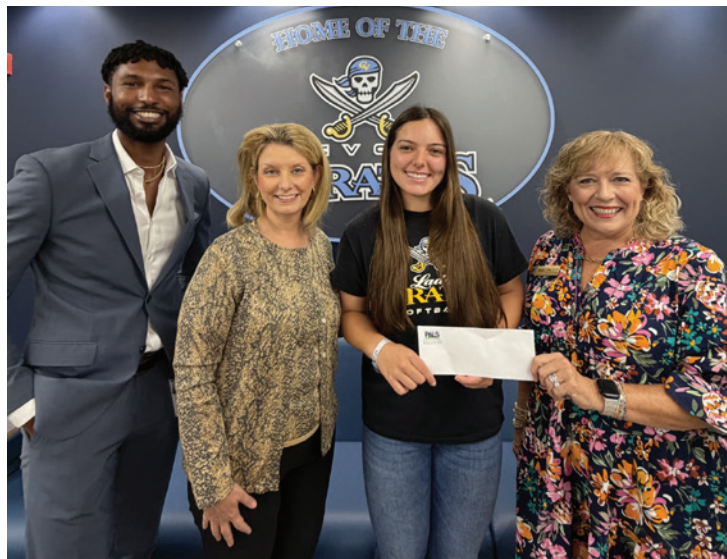
PROMOTING CLEANER CAMPUSES ACROSS ALABAMA

As the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Coordinator, I have the privilege of traveling across the state to work with schools and inspire students to take pride in their campuses and communities. Through hands-on engagement and educational outreach, our goal is simple but impactful: to reduce litter, encourage environmental responsibility, and foster a culture of care for Alabama's natural beauty.

The Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program plays a key role in this mission. We partner with schools by providing materials and support needed to host successful campus cleanup events. These efforts not only create cleaner, more welcoming school environments, but also teach students the importance of responsibility and teamwork in protecting the places where they learn and grow.

A major part of my work involves connecting directly with students of all ages. I enjoy visiting schools to share the message of cleaning up and not littering through engaging presentations. For upper grade levels, I offer PowerPoint-style presentations that highlight the impact of litter and the importance of environmental stewardship. In elementary classrooms, I bring the message to life through interactive read-alouds that make learning about caring for our environment fun and memorable.

This year, we have expanded our outreach efforts even further. Alabama PALS participated in Read Across America Week, bringing the anti-litter message into classrooms through literacy and storytelling. In addition, we are partnering with libraries and community programs throughout the summer to continue reaching students outside the traditional school setting.



CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

**Either fill out form and mail to
Alabama PALS Attn: Shay Grant
8136 Old Federal Road, Montgomery, AL 36117
or apply online at www.alpals.org**

Current Member? ____ Y or ____ N

Circle One: City School County School Private School

City: _____ County: _____

Participating School: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email for Contact Person: _____

Our school has reviewed the requirements for the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program and is therefore applying to be a participating school in this statewide program.

Signed: _____ (Contact Person)

Date: _____ Phone: _____

PRINCIPAL PERMISSION

I, _____ (Principal),

give consent for _____

school to participate in the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program for the

2026-2027 school year.

Signed: _____ (Principal)

Date: _____

Beyond cleanup efforts and presentations, the program emphasizes education and long-term impact. Students are encouraged to carry the anti-litter message beyond school grounds and into their communities. By promoting recycling and reducing waste sent to landfills, we help young people understand how everyday actions can make a substantial difference. We also introduce students to Alabama's incredible biodiversity, helping them appreciate the importance of protecting our natural resources.

To inspire creativity and engagement, Alabama PALS offers opportunities for students to participate in poster contests and recycled art projects. New this year, we held our first video contest. This contest was offered to Alabama Community College System students. We had great entries! Our initiatives provide a platform for students to express their ideas about environmental stewardship, with the added incentive of winning monetary prizes, plaques, and invitations to our annual Governor's Awards Luncheon.

We are always looking for new and creative ways to connect with students from kindergarten through college. If you have ideas or would like to partner with us, we would love to hear from you. Be sure to check out our updated website for more information, resources, and opportunities to get involved.

As you prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, please join the Clean Campus Program. I would like to help you and your school develop a program that works for your campus. Please go to our website to sign up. You can reach out to me at (334) 263-7737 or via email at shay@alpals.org. Thanks to our invaluable state partnerships and corporate sponsors—Vulcan, ALFA, Coca-Cola, and Alabama Farmers CO-OP—all Alabama PALS programs are free of charge.

Thanks for your support helping Alabama PALS foster environmental awareness for a brighter and cleaner Alabama.



Clean Campus Spotlight:

NORTHSIDE INTERMEDIATE JOINS PALS CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM; STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN STATE POSTER CONTEST



Northside Intermediate began its first year participating in the PALS Clean Campus Program this school year with positive results. Enrollment in the program was straightforward, and cleanup supplies arrived promptly. Each week, one class assumed responsibility for a “litter patrol” around the campus, and staff reinforced the importance of the duty during morning announcements.

Fifth-grade ambassadors attended a presentation by Ms. Shay Grant, who provided an in-depth overview of the program. Inspired by the session, the ambassadors produced recycling and cleanup posters that were displayed throughout the school.



Later in the year, Northside students entered the PALS poster contest. The school submitted numerous entries to Montgomery, making selection difficult. Livingston Ray, a fifth grader at Northside Intermediate, won first place in the grades 4–6 poster contest, and Raeleigh Thomas, also a fifth grader, received an honorable mention. Third-grade participants were commended for their strong efforts, even though they did not place.

Northside Intermediate looks forward to continuing its partnership with the PALS Clean Campus Program next year.

*— Emily H. Grace, PhD
Northside Intermediate Principal
Opelika City Schools*



**ALABAMA PALS / COCA-COLA / ALFA / VULCAN/ AFC
CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM STATEWIDE COMPETITION**

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM 2025-2026 School Year

NOTE: Scrapbooks are Encouraged

Name of Participating School _____

Address of School _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Contact Person _____

Did Clean Campus Committee meet at least once each month to evaluate the progress of the program? _____

How many campus clean-up events did school have? _____

Did school participate in monthly campus litter pick up? _____

Did school hold campus cleanup in April to coincide with Alabama PALS Annual Spring Cleanup? _____

Does school participate in some form of environmental education program? _____

Does school participate in an ongoing recycling program? _____

First Place School - \$ 1,000.00 * Second Place School - \$ 750.00 * Third Place School - \$500.00

Nominate Your School Today!!!!!!

When answering the following questions, please attach additional sheets if necessary. Also, please attach any documentation (photos, etc.).

What was the single most important reason that your school made the decision to enroll in the Clean Campus Program? _____

What goals did you set for your school to achieve in the Clean Campus Program _____

List all events held to promote the Clean Campus Program, include the date of each one. _____

How has participation in the Clean Campus Program influenced the student body and/or faculty? _____

What influence, if any, do you think that the school has had on the surrounding community since becoming a member of the Clean Campus Program. _____

Please give a brief (no more than 2 page) narrative explaining why your school should be selected to receive one of the scholarships.

All Nomination Forms/Scrapbooks and Attachments Are Due in the PALS Office by October 7, 2026!

Bear Magnet



Contest winners on display at ADEM



FADM Recycles



Northside Intermediate



Headstart Jefferson County



Luverne



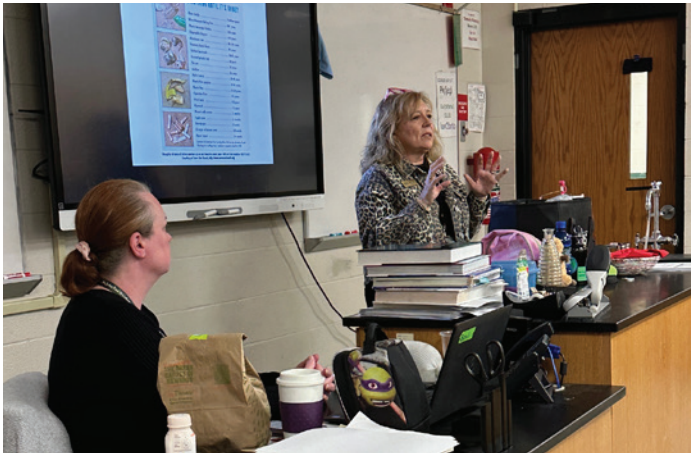
Prattville Elementary



RC Hatch K-4



St. John Paul II Visit



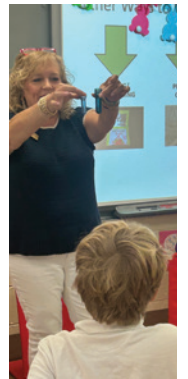
Walter Jackson Elementary



Water Festivals



Trinity Presbyterian School



Earth Day





THE 2026 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PROGRAM

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 10, 2026
WYNLAKE'S
COUNTRY CLUB
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
12 NOON

Make Plans Now to Join Us On This Special PALS Day! Bring Your Chapter Leaders, Volunteers and Others That Share A Vision Of A Cleaner and More Beautiful Alabama. We Look Forward to Having You And Your Guests Join Us For This Special Awards Day.

Nomination form is now online!



2026 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Competition is open to ALL Alabama City and Counties and Volunteer Groups.
2. Nominations for outstanding anti-litter projects by individuals, organizations, Businesses, civic groups, PALS Chapters and Affiliates, schools, etc. will be accepted in following categories.
 - Vulcan Volunteer of the Year**
 - County • City • Special • Media**
 - Coca-Cola "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup Award**
 - Education • Judicial**
 - Government Agency**
 - Law Enforcement**
 - Business and Industry**
 - Adopt-A-Mile**
 - Spencer Ryan Community**
 - Connections Award**
 - Don Hines Memorial Award**
 - Jean McCrady Service Award**
 - Coastal Cleanup Award**
3. Nominations should include name of nominee, name of person nominating, description and classification of nominee, location of nominee's anti-litter activity, size of area affected, number of individuals involved, length of time of project, and a narrative of work accomplishments.
4. Final judging for the statewide awards will be determined only from nominations forwarded to the PALS Office.
5. Nominations MUST be submitted to the PALS office at 8136 Old Federal Road, Montgomery, AL 36117 by October 7, 2026.
6. Statewide winners will be recognized with a handsome plaque to be presented at the PALS Governor's Awards Program on **November 10, 2026**.

We wish you and your Groups the Best and Look Forward to Recognizing Each of your Winners!

2026 ALABAMA PALS GOVERNOR'S AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Scrapbooks, Articles and Pictures are Encouraged)

Nominees Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Nominators Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Category _____

Description, Classification, or Type of Nominee (Private Citizen, Volunteer, Chapter Chairman, Government Agency, School, Church, etc.)

Location of Activity _____

Size of Area Affected _____

Number of People Involved _____

How Long Has Project or Activity Been Going On? _____

Narrative for Award _____

ALABAMA PALS BY THE NUMBERS

PEOPLE AGAINST A LITTERED STATE

Alabama People Against A Littered State (PALS) is dedicated to making our state more beautiful by sponsoring programs focused on cleaning up litter in Alabama's streets, streams, campuses and coastlines. Below is the impact of that effort.

MILLIONS IN TAXPAYER DOLLARS SAVED BY PALS IN LITTER CONTROL EACH YEAR!

'DON'T DROP IT ON ALABAMA' SPRING CLEANUP



64 counties involved in 2025

155,000 bags distributed in 2025

OVER 800 TONS



of litter collected in 2025

ADOPT-A-MILE PROGRAM



925 sponsors

846 locations

938 miles adopted

ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM

Eliminating litter at stream crossings in Alabama

OVER 300 streams protected statewide



COASTAL CLEANUP



38 YEARS & growing

Over 116,000 volunteers have participated over the years

Over 7,000 miles of shoreline have been cleaned

Over 1.8 MILLION pounds of trash and debris have been cleaned from our shores

CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM

- Thousands of students educated each year on litter prevention
- Bags & grabbers provided to all member schools
- Contests for students & schools

OVER \$3,000 in scholarships given each year



GOVERNOR'S AWARDS **65** individual and group awards given in 2025.

ADOPT-A-STREAM



ADOPT-A-STREAM APPLICATION FORM

Name of Participating Group _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Location of Proposed Stream Crossing: _____

_____ County: _____

Location for Adopt-A-Stream Signs (Hwy #'s, Mile Markers, etc.) _____

Send Applications to Alabama PALS, 8136 Old Federal Road, Montgomery, AL 36117
Application can be submitted online at alpals.org



"Working Together for an Unlittered Alabama"

Alabama PALS Newsletter

People Against A Littered State

8136 Old Federal Road
Montgomery AL 3617



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Montgomery, AL
Permit No. 571

2026 DATES TO REMEMBER:

July

- All Supplies and Materials for Coastal Cleanup Ordered

July 22

- Alabama PALS Board of Directors Meeting

August

- All Coastal Cleanup Planning Finalized

September 17

- Coastal Cleanup Supply Distribution at Weeks Bay Reserve
- Coastal Cleanup Zone Captain/Sponsor/Staff Celebration at Flora-Bama

September 19

- 2026 Alabama Coastal Cleanup

October 7

- All Governor's Awards & Clean Campus Nomination Forms Due in PALS Office

October 16

- Governor's Awards and Clean Campus Winners Notified

November 10th

- 9:30am Alabama PALS Board of Directors Meeting
- Noon 2026 Alabama PALS Governor's Awards Luncheon (At Wynlakes Country Club)

2026 ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

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