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**National Park Service to Partner for 2nd Year with CCOM on Bi-Lingual Program
High School Students to Train as Outdoor Educators**

MONTAUK, NY – January 28, 2013 - The Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), a 40-year old non-profit dedicated to preserving and protecting the environment and ecology of Montauk, is offering paid internships to East Hampton High School (EHHS) and Ross School students to train as outdoor educators who will lead bi-lingual English and Spanish language trail walks in Montauk. Now in its second year, the program has been expanded to include students from the Ross School. Students do not need to speak Spanish to participate. A diverse blend of single language and bi-lingual speakers is sought for this program.

“CCOM believes the key to preservation is education,” said CCOM Executive Director Jeremy Samuelson. “Our goal is to encourage students to explore the natural world and to help them develop the tools to share their discoveries. Montauk is unique. We all need to work together to protect it.”

National Park Service Rangers will lead a full day outdoor education training workshop for student interns. “The National Park Service is very excited to partner with CCOM on their Bi-Lingual Internship program,” said Jeanette Parker, Chief of Interpretation and Education, Gateway National Recreation Area. “Our rangers will share their experiences and some of the successful interpretive techniques and methods that have helped them inspire visitors throughout their careers.”

During the course of the internship students will work with mentors to research and write trail informational brochures and lead a series of walks, conducted in English and Spanish, exploring Montauk’s natural areas.

Students will be selected through a competitive application process open to EHHS and Ross School sophomores and juniors. The deadline for applications is February 4, 2013. Completed applications can be emailed to environment@ccom-montauk.org or dropped off at the East Hampton High School Guidance Office or the Ross School, Office of Mr. Greg Drossel, Assistant Dean of Students.

For more information about this program or to download the internship application, please visit: www.PreserveMontauk.org/publications.

ABOUT CONCERNED CITIZENS OF MONTAUK (CCOM) - Since 1970, CCOM has worked to preserve and protect the environment and ecology of Montauk through education, advocacy, and grassroots citizen action. CCOM represents the environmental concerns of more than 800 members and is a New York State registered environmental non-for-profit.

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