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# 36th Annual SANDCASTLE & SCULPTURE DAY That's one whale of a sandcastle!

NANTUCKET, MA - The Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Nantucket Island School of Design and the Arts (NISDA), will hold the **36th Annual Sandcastle and Sculpture Day, Saturday, August 15, 2009** on Jetties Beach. Over 50 sculptures will emerge from the sand on this August afternoon.

A late-summer ritual for some, families and teams return year after year to vie for top honors. The rules are simple - be creative. Tools and building aids, ornaments and decorations all may be used, but none are supplied. Contestants are urged to work with biodegradable items, and must take away any non-biodegradable items used. Pre-registration is necessary. You may register at the Chamber office at Zero Main Street until noon on Friday, August 14, 2009.

Contestants may enter in one of four categories: Family Team, Adult Team, 11-16 Year Olds and 10 & Under. The age group of a team is determined by its oldest member. A family is considered a team if adults participate. Family members not registered can cheer all they want but must keep their hands off the sand. The non-refundable entry fee is \$5.00 per person.

Judging is based on CREATIVITY, CONCEPT and DESIGN. Highlights have included everything from Nantucket Lightship Baskets to VW Bugs. All participants will receive a ribbon and a People's Choice ribbon will be awarded! Judges are professional artists from the faculty of the Nantucket Island School of Design. This is a fun-filled day for participants or admirers of sandcastle sculpting. A visit to Jetties Beach to watch the sculpting in action or view the finished sculptures at sunset is well worth the trip!

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For more information and the best Nantucket resource - the Official Guide - call the Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce at 508/228-1700 or visit our Web site [www.nantucketchamber.org](http://www.nantucketchamber.org). Nantucket is accessible by airplane or ferry - one-hour high-speed ferry services are available. Visitors are encouraged to leave their cars behind, as all activities are accessible by walking, bicycle, or taxi.

EDITORS: Images are available upon request. Please call 508-228-3643 or e-mail your request to [pr@nantucketchamber.org](mailto:pr@nantucketchamber.org)



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