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Delaware Center for the Inland Bays celebrates 30 years with a Grateful Shellabration November 2nd

LEWES, DE – The Delaware Center for the Inland Bays invites the public to its 30th-anniversary and volunteer appreciation event, the Grateful Shellabration, hosted at the picturesque Camp Arrowhead in Lewes on Saturday, November 2nd (rain date: Sunday, November 3rd) from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The Grateful Shellabration will be a family-friendly festival, bringing together live music, delicious local food, exciting activities, and hands-on environmental education, all in the spirit of celebrating the Bays and the volunteers who help protect them. The event is free but donations to support the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays are encouraged.

Event highlights include:

- **Live music** all day from The Listening Booth Duo, Dragonfly Trinity, and Homestead Bluegrass
- **Oyster shucking contest**
- **Dunk tank** fun with community leaders
- **Delicious eats and treats** from Agape Creamery (including the release of a special “Horseshoe Crab Tracks” ice cream), Bountiful Bowls, Grandpa Mac, Nancy James Oysters, and Pretzelvania
- Refreshments in the **beer garden**
- **Hayrides, games, and fun activities** for the whole family
- **Raffles** for exciting prizes
- Hands-on **environmental education and information tables**
- **Volunteer appreciation** and the presentation of the annual **Friends of the Bays and Volunteer Awards**
- **An array of local artisans**, including Mich & Mon Handmade, Daniel Swain Ceramics, Whelk Creative, Miss Millie Ceramics, Willow Creek Soaps, and MEGSEA Shell & Decoupage Artwork

“We are thrilled to be celebrating the Center’s 30th anniversary with this special event,” said Mark Carter, Director of Development for the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays. “It’s not just about looking back at what we’ve accomplished, but about honoring the vital work of our

volunteers and partners, who have made our mission possible over the years. This day is about them, the community, and of course, the Bays that we're all here to protect.”

Limited parking is available at Camp Arrowhead. Attendees are encouraged to carpool and, thanks to support from Casella Waste Systems, a free shuttle will run all day from the Love Creek Elementary School parking area (19488 John J Williams Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958). The first shuttle departs at 10 AM and will run approximately every 30 minutes.

Camp Arrowhead is a smoke and tobacco-free campus (no smoking, no vaping), and no pets (with the exception of service animals) are allowed at the event.

Come out and join us for a day of Bay-inspired fun! For more information, visit inlandbays.org or contact Caitlin Chaney at cchaney@inlandbays.org.

About the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays

The Delaware Center for the Inland Bays is a nonprofit organization established to preserve, protect, and restore Delaware's Inland Bays—Rehoboth Bay, Indian River Bay, and Little Assawoman Bay—and their watersheds. For 30 years, the Center has worked with the community, government agencies, and other stakeholders to support scientific research, education, and advocacy to safeguard these critical ecosystems. More information can be found at inlandbays.org.

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