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Dear Mid-Shore Board of Realtors,

Thank you for your interest in the Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project on Poplar Island. This letter confirms your tour scheduled on **9/10/2024**. Your group of **24** will depart the Tilghman Island MES land base promptly at **9:00:00 AM**. Please plan on arriving 10-15 minutes early to check in and receive a safety briefing. For your convenience, a portable toilet is available at the land base. At **12:00:00 PM** your group is scheduled to return to Tilghman Island. Directions to the land base are enclosed.

COVID-19 Policy: The wearing of masks in state facilities is voluntary. If you are experiencing any symptoms such as a cough, fever, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath please stay home.

Poplar Island is an active construction site. All guests are expected to be respectful to the site and other participants; unruly behavior will not be tolerated. As the group coordinator, you will be held responsible to inform your guests of the following safety regulations:

1. Poplar Island is open to the public through prior arrangement only.
2. All posted signs and verbal notices must be obeyed.
3. Alcohol and controlled substances are prohibited.
4. Pets are prohibited.
5. The group must stay together at all times.
6. Closed-toed shoes with appropriate soles such as sneakers or hiking shoes/boots are required. Failure to wear closed-toed shoes will result in getting turned away at the dock.
7. High visibility vests (provided) must be worn at all times while onsite and outside vehicles.
8. Participants will not be allowed off the bus in areas designated as active construction zones.
9. All participants are required to wear a life jacket while on the boat (provided). Visitors under 50 lbs. must provide their own life jackets.
10. Our tour boat has a strict 24-passenger limit. If your group exceeds this number, we reserve the right to deny any unscheduled visitors.

To make the tour enjoyable for all participants, please take the following into consideration:

1. Tours run rain or shine; however, the tour may be cancelled in the event of severe weather. Please note that the island weather can be more severe than on the mainland, is unpredictable, and can change quickly. Therefore, if the Poplar Island staff feels it has become unsafe, cancellations can occur the same day as the tour. If inclement weather is in the forecast, tour participants will be reminded of the possibility of last-minute cancellations via their provided contact method(s) (phone and/or email). At that time, you can alert the tour coordinator if you will or will not be attending the tour.
2. Participants must be prepared to board a boat and climb a few steps; however, the amount of walking is minimal.
3. The boat will depart promptly at the above scheduled time. Please make sure to arrive on time so that you are not left behind. Alternative boat transportation to dock on Poplar Island is not allowed.
4. The tour does not include a designated lunch break but feel free to bring snacks.
5. Tours can be enjoyed by people of all ages, but keep in mind that some of the topics covered may be advanced for younger visitors.
6. Binoculars and cameras are encouraged.

IMPORTANT!

To ensure maximum efficiency of the trips, tours require a minimum of **12 participants**. The tour will be cancelled if the minimum number of participants are not present the morning of the tour. If you are not bringing your scheduled amount of **24** participants, please notify the Poplar Island staff as soon as possible. **Reminder, Poplar Island reserves the right to cancel a scheduled tour for any reason but will attempt to give as much notice as possible.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. Enjoy a great day on 9/10/2024!

Thank you,
Poplar Island Tour Staff

Directions to Poplar Island Land Base (from points west)

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Tilghman, MD 21671**

1. Take Rt. 50 East toward Ocean City
2. Exit onto Rt. 322 just after the Easton Airport
3. Take Rt. 322 approximately 2 miles to Rt. 33
4. Take a right on Rt. 33 West
5. Follow Rt. 33 for about 22 miles, thru St. Michaels and then over the Knapps Narrows Bridge onto Tilghman Island.
6. Keep going straight and take the first street on your left called CHICKEN POINT RD.
7. Our land base office is the **third house on the left**. The map below shows an aerial view of the area and the new land base is indicated with a red mark. The house number is **21548**. You will see a big parking lot by the house and please park in marked spots if possible.
8. Follow the path from the parking lot to the pier. A big boat called the Terrapin will be there to pick your group up at the predetermined pickup time. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call Poplar Island's main telephone number at: **410-770-6500**

