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### **Coming Soon to ILM-Plastic Ocean Arts and Sci Fest**

WILMINGTON, NC-March 31, 2023-Local nonprofit, the Plastic Ocean Project is joining forces with the NC Science Festival to host the *Plastic Ocean Arts and Sci Fest*. It will take place on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at UNCW's Watson School of Education Building Atrium located at 601 S College Rd. in Wilmington, NC.

The NC-Sci-Fest is a month long celebration of science held every April. The statewide festival includes hundreds of STEM-focused events that offer scores of fun, interactive science learning opportunities. Students, families, friends, STEM professionals, teachers and volunteers are encouraged to enjoy the series of events taking place throughout North Carolina.

The festival is an initiative of the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center and highlights the educational, cultural and financial impact of science in the state. STEM is the acronym used to group together the distinct but related technical disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Area middle and high school students who are interested in plastic pollution and marine debris are encouraged to participate in the one-day festival.

The event will feature a series of STEM-based activity stations related to plastic pollution. Participants can visit various stations featuring demonstrations by marine debris scientists from UNCW, the Plastic Ocean Project and the North Carolina Coastal Federation. Each station will highlight local efforts that address marine debris through scientific research, outreach, artwork and more.

Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about internship and volunteer opportunities related to marine debris research offered by participating organizations.

**Pre-registration will be required for the event-here is the link:**

**[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/event\\_step2/MTc2Micw/207529](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/event_step2/MTc2Micw/207529)**

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