

RING LEADER REPORTER



HI-CONE & RING LEADER LEAD ANOTHER BEACH SWEEP IN CHICAGO.

Again this year, on Sept. 15, Hi-Cone and Ring Leader worked with the

Alliance for the Great Lakes on its Adopt-a-Beach program at Chicago's Osterman Beach to collect and record accumulated debris.

Every year Hi-Cone employees devote their own time at Osterman Beach and are joined by more than 100 local high school students and neighbors in picking up trash and other unwanted debris. Also on hand this year was Illinois State Representative Harry Osterman. The beach is named in honor of his mother, Betty, who preceded him in the legislature.

More than 1770 volunteers picked up 8,500 pounds of trash from Illinois beaches. As in past years, cigarette butts accounted for the majority of beach litter. Several thousand butts were picked by the volunteers. According to the Alliance, discarded cigarette butts contain cadmium, lead, arsenic and other chemicals that seep into the waterways.

"Through the years, we've been pleased to learn that six-pack rings are a negligible amount of what gets picked up on the beaches. When rings are found we are reminded that the need for education continues," said Hi-Cone's Matt Hayden.