

B.E.A.C.H.E.S *Foundation Institute*

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MISSION STATEMENT

Beach Education Advocates for Culture, Health, Environment & Safety Foundation Institute, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) federally tax-exempt nonprofit educational corporation. B.E.A.C.H.E.S.'s four concerns for our public beaches are explicit in its name: cultural diversity, public health, environmental conservation, and beach safety. While within the context of cultural diversity, B.E.A.C.H.E.S. is a strong advocate for designated public naturist (clothing-optional) beaches, it is equally an advocate for an equitable shared usage of beach resources by all user groups, insofar as a particular usage is not in conflict with the four areas of concern of the foundation. To achieve these ends, B.E.A.C.H.E.S. aims at establishing amicable and mutually beneficial working partnerships with government, business, and the public.

HISTORY & AGENDA

In May, 2000 a core group of inspired and enterprising naturist activists and supporters participated in a weekend rendezvous with destiny - the initial meeting of the B.E.A.C.H.E.S.' first Board of Governors.

As an organization true to the naturist credo, B.E.A.C.H.E.S. focus is not only on the development of safe naturist (clothing-optional) opportunities at our seashores and inland waterways, but also on preserving both a sound natural and social environment at all our public beaches, for the benefit of all citizens now and in the future. It is thus concerned with the environment, tourism, community outreach, and establishing rapport and partnership with governing agencies for the improvement of public facilities.

As a foundation, B.E.A.C.H.E.S. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt educational organization. In practical terms, this means that any individual and corporate donations made to this organization are fully tax deductible. In addition, the foundation is able to secure grant funding from a variety of corporate, government, and institutional organizations to fund its programs and support its mission. Most importantly, it means that the Foundation is working to have a 365-day per year physical presence on our endangered historic clothing-optional beaches and to establish new public sites for naturists. B.E.A.C.H.E.S. is legally recognized as a valid and purposeful organization sanctioned by the IRS to be of a nature that will give back to the communities where it operates.

The mission of B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation includes:

1. To protect, maintain, and improve the physical, social, and legal integrity of naturist (clothing-optional) beaches.
2. To create and develop new sites for clothing-optional public beaches and land use.
3. To preserve and advance the cause of Constitutional Rights, fundamental natural rights, and civil liberties of people whose creed (a set of beliefs or principles) includes nonsexual social nudity, especially in appropriate natural settings.
4. To protect through education the reputation, health, safety, welfare, and morals of individuals and families who freely choose to practice this age-old custom and creed.

5. To promote activities in environments conducive to recreational social nudity.
6. To establish a working, amicable partnership between government and citizens for responsible management and maintenance of designated clothing-optional public land areas throughout North America, in order to see these areas become safe, clean, and secure havens for the benefit of the recreating public.
7. To assist individuals and public and private entities in establishing safe and harmonious conditions for the public at existing traditional clothing-optional areas, and facilitate the creation of new areas.