

## WE FOUND A CRAWL! NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

1. Call Darlene (910-207-1032) and Carmel (910-209-1079)
- 2 .Don't touch the nest yet
3. At least one team member remains with the nest while the others continue their walk.
- 4 .Measure tracks  
Place one end of tape at the outer edge of (L) front track  
Measure to outside edge of (R) track                      >-----<  
   Left                      Right
5. Take pictures of the crawl tracks facing the dunes and facing the ocean, a picture of the nest from the dunes & a shot of the thrown sand (mound of sand). Mark the thrown sand (mound of sand) with a paint stick or whatever you may have that will mark the spot. Take coordinates using GPS Coordinates app.
- 6 .Send to Darlene and Carmel.
7. Follow Captain's instruction when they arrive
8. **After eggs are located**
  - Send a team member to gather 4 stakes including 1 with Wildlife sign, a wire cylinder & a wire screen (@ the dune break before Post #45 & mail box)
  - Pull 1 egg for DNA analysis
  - Place a temporary marker at center of the nest
  - Cover nest with sand that was removed
  - Record date of crawl on back side of front stake that has the State sign
  - Place blue tape on the front stake
  - Label sign with nest number
  - Secure stakes around the nest. Front stake is placed 3 feet from the center of clutch. Rear stake is placed in line with the front stake 3 feet behind the center of the clutch. Right & left side stakes are placed in line with each other and 3 feet from the center of the nest.
  - Bury tag & washer approximately 2 feet deep at front of rear stake. Rich will do this for all nests
  - Place wire screen over the nest
  - Place wire cylinder around the eggs so that there is 1" clearance from center of nest.
  - Tie tape at the sandline on the bottom of each stake  
Measure 1 foot from sand line and mark with marker  
Give Carmel or designee the retrieved egg.
  - Wrap tape around the top of each stake to connect them
  - Take GPS readings at center of nest and forward to Carmel & Darlene

**9. If unable to locate eggs**

- Place stakes, wire cylinder & screen around the area where the leader suspected that the nest was laid as described above. Take coordinates and send to Carmel and Darlene

10. Team leader completes Individual Crawl Record

11. Complete the Volunteer Time Tracker app Hour Log as you leave the beach or return Home. In the Comments Section include the section of the beach that you walk & the type of activity in which you were engaged (walk, nest sitting, market, etc).