



## **Build the perfect sand castle**

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Do your sand castles look more like sand clumps?

With the 19th Annual New Jersey Sandcastle contest scheduled for July 6 at the 18th Avenue beach in Belmar, you could probably use a pointer or two . . . or 10.

Enter two professional sand castle builders, who will be holding "How to Build the Perfect Sandcastle" clinics from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and July 2 on the 18th Avenue beach.

On Saturday, Matt Long, creator of Can You Dig It Sand Tools and a professional sand sculptor, will be hitting the beach. On July 2, it will be Chuck Feld's turn to offer pointers to sand castle builders. Feld, owner of Sand Pounders, a professional sand sculpting company, is one of 40 master sand castle sculptors in the United States.

Both clinics are free and include all the equipment needed to build the best sand castles. The sessions will offer a primer on sand castle building, including the secret of sand castle success (having the right consistency of wet sand). The sessions also will cover basic tips on how to build the perfect sand sculpture, as well as the tricks — and tools — of the trade.

Though Long and Feld will provide all necessary equipment, including sand tools, pails and shovels, participants may bring their own buckets and shovels.

The clinics are free to the public, but beach admission fees will apply. For more information, call (732) 863-1900, Ext. 100.

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