Earth Day – Bay Day in Corpus Christi

On **Saturday, April 6th**, the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation will host its annual Earth Day – Bay Day event, celebrating 20 years of learning about the importance of environmental stewardship and appreciation for our precious coastal natural resources. Each year thousands of residents and visitors come out to experience interactive exhibits from a variety of local, regional, and state organizations – and have a lot of fun!

This year, Earth Day Bay Day will be featuring a Green Technology Expo that will include local alternative energy products, interactive displays such as an OmniGlobe from EarthX, and the chance to see small drone piloting. This new section will highlight STEM careers that can be found locally and globally, as well as education and training programs geared toward those careers.

**Some of the exhibitors include:**
- Wild Sky Productions Raptor Show
- Victoria Zoo – including an ocelot, coati, and a great-horned owl!
- Texas State Aquarium
- Youth Odyssey and the Rock Wall
- The Kiwanis Club fishing pond
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Coastal Expo and Game Thief Trailer
- Amos Rehabilitation Keep animals on the mend

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**See Page 2 for a list of Spring Beach Cleanup Hotel Sponsors!**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019 • 9am - 12pm**

Mark your calendar for the 33rd annual coast wide Spring Beach Cleanup on Saturday, April 13th at 28 sites along the coast. The cleanup is one week earlier this year because of Easter.

Online volunteer registration is now open on our website, TexasAdoptABeach.org, or volunteers may also register on-site at most check-in sites on Saturday, April 13th between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. A list of all check-in sites is located on page 6 of this newsletter. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and sunscreen, bring water and wear a hat. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Some check-in sites will provide cold drinks, hot food and fun activities for the whole family.

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**Earth Day Bay Day**  
**Admission is FREE!**  
**Saturday, April 6, 2019**  
**10am - 5pm**  
**Heritage Park, 1581 North Chaparral Street**  
**Info: www.baysfoundation.org/edbd/**
Spring Hotel sponsor list

**Galveston Island**
- Casa del Mar Beachfront Suites
  - 409-740-2431
- Four Points by Sheraton
  - 409-974-4796
- Gaido’s Seaside Inn
  - 409-761-5504

**Matagorda**
- Stanley-Fisher House Bed & Breakfast
  - 979-863-2920

**Port Aransas**
- Red Roof Inn
  - 361-749-6427
- The Beachcomber
  - 361-749-6191
- Beachcomber Vacation Rentals
  - 361-749-7829

**South Padre Island**
- Gulfview I Condominiums
  - 956-772-1010
- Seabreeze Beach Resort
  - 956-761-1541

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**2019 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children’s Art Contest is wrapping up!**

The 23rd Treasures of the Texas Coast Children’s Art Contest is currently being judged and the 40 finalists and one grand prize winner will be announced soon!

The contest began in 1996 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach program. Each year the competition encourages thousands of Texas schoolchildren to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they’ve learned through their art.

Finalists will have the honor of having their artwork published in the 2020 Adopt-A-Beach calendar, which is distributed across the state. The artwork will be on display in the South Central Gallery of the State Capitol – May 21st through May 28th. Senator Larry Taylor is the sponsor for the Capitol exhibit. The winning entries will also be posted to the Adopt-A-Beach website later this spring.

The contest boasts a hefty prize pack—this year’s grand prize winner will receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any United destination in the 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean, one seven-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels.

The grand-prize winner’s teacher will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines and one seven-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International.

All 40 winners will receive a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, one ticket to the Texas State Aquarium, two tickets to the Houston Zoo, prizes and a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

Good luck to all of this year’s contest submissions!
835 volunteers pick up 10,820 pounds of trash from Texas beaches during 2019 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups!

Despite bitter cold and windy conditions, and unusually high tides, the Winter Cleanup held on February 8th at Andy Bowie Park on South Padre Island had 303 volunteers who removed 3,384 pounds of trash from three miles of beach. Odd items found included a frisbee and a plastic toy boat. School groups came from Donna, Edinburg, La Joya, Monte Alto, Weslaco, Rio Hondo, Harlingen, and Texas A&M Rio Grande Valley. We also welcomed snowbirds from Canada, Wisconsin, Ohio and Minnesota too!

Local sponsors for the South Padre Cleanup included: Cameron County Parks Department, HEB – Port Isabel, and Schlitterbahn. Schlitterbahn donated hot chocolate and HEB donated juice and donuts for our volunteers.

On Saturday, February 9th, it was bitter cold again, with temperatures in the low 40’s and misty rain. We had a combined total of 432 volunteers from 6 check-in locations that removed 7,436 pounds of trash from 23 miles of beach in the Odd items found lip gloss, metal lock, glow stick, mattress bag on North Beach at the Texas State Aquarium, a Cabbage Patch doll at Lighthouse Lakes Park at Aransas Pass, car tail lights at Packery Flats, a shoe and a crab trap tag from Tennessee on Port Aransas.

“Our Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are an example of what Texans can accomplish together”
-Commissioner, George P. Bush

The results from the Winter Cleanup include:

- **Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay**
  - 16 volunteers • 1,000 pounds of trash from one mile

- **Kid’s Place at Cole Park**
  - 106 volunteers • 1,400 pounds of trash from three miles

- **North Corpus Christi Beach**
  - 149 volunteers • 3,725 pounds of trash from nine miles

- **Packery Flats**
  - 28 volunteers • 575 pounds of trash from 1.5 miles

- **Padre Island National Seashore**
  - 82 volunteers • 4,150 pounds of trash from four miles

- **Port Aransas**
  - 58 volunteers • 750 pounds of trash from five miles

- **RGV/South Padre Island**
  - 493 volunteers • 7,748 pounds of trash from three miles

The Winter Beach Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated through the Adopt-A-Beach program each year.

Local sponsors included:

- CITGO
- Coastal Bays Foundation
- Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program
- Keep Port Aransas Beautiful
- Padre Island National Seashore
- Restore America’s Estuaries
- Science & Spanish Club Network
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas State Aquarium
- Woodmenlife Chapter 2126

Since the cleanups began, more than 529,000 volunteers have removed more than 9,600 tons of trash from Texas beaches.
“The can-do Texas spirit cannot be stopped,” said Commissioner George P. Bush. “Despite the first postponement in Adopt-A-Beach history and the potential threat of rain, 5,199 volunteers arrived at 22 beachfront locations to remove 76,576 pounds of trash from the Texas coastline. I am continually impressed by our volunteers’ dedication to keeping our Texas beaches clean. Thank you, Adopt-A-Beach volunteers!”

Cigarette butts, beer cans and plastic bags are among the most common items found. However, with each cleanup, plenty of odd and unusual items inevitably are reported. On October 6th, strange items found on Texas beaches included a large paintbrush, fingernail polish, toothbrush, coconut, propane tank, four tires with rims, truck fender, high chair, miniature laminated high school diploma, car hood, shotgun shells, toy soldier, old coin, muffler, ski glove, vintage dip net, hat, air filter, fishing pole, dime, large rusted sheet of metal, pliers, tire, refrigerator, rug, socks, and a T-shirt.
## A Look at the 2018 Historic Fall Cleanup Totals

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**Total Bay Miles:** 30  
**Total Beach Miles:** 99.4  
**Total Tons of Trash:** 38.29
JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sea Rim State Park to Sea Rim Estates Road – Port Arthur Police Association
McFaddin Beach – Bug Defender Pest Management

GALVESTON COUNTY

Mooner Beach, San Leon – San Leon GenZen Project

BOLIVAR PENINSULA

Mabry Street to the east one mile – The Heathen Sisterhood
Waco Road to Mabry Street – Tropic Like It’s Hot
Crystal Beach at Castle Drive – Udo, Moodaggie, and Moopuppy
Ramada Beach – The Walty Family
Tidelands Subdivision area – The Shark Research Institute
Gulf-Holiday Street to the east one mile – The Raymond Clement Family

BRAZORIA COUNTY

SURFSIDE BEACH

Mile 0 – Alpha Phi Omega Metropolitan Houston
Mile 1 – Leave Your Prints Behind
Mile 2 – Leave Your Prints Behind
Mile 3 – Ocean Sierra, LLC
Mile 4 – Devin n Deb
Mile 5 – Schlumberger
Mile 6 – Schlumberger
Mile 7 – Schlumberger
Mile 8 – Dow Chemical Company
Mile 9 – SeaSide Mermaids
Mile 10 – Bill Mullennweg Memorial Beach Cleanup
Mile 11 – Employees of Brazoria County Precinct 1
Mile 12 – BASF
Mile 13 – Mothership Energy Group
Mile 14 – Surfrider Foundation - Upper Coast Chapter

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QUINTANA
Fishing Pier at Quintana Beach – Cub Scout Pack #525
Mile Marker 17 at Quintana Beach – Arechigas

MATAGORDA COUNTY
Matagorda Beach, Jetty Park to the east one mile – Texas ChalleNGe Academy
South Gulf Road at Little Boggy Creek – Stacy L. Zahn
Palacios Bay – Texas Girls
Sargent Beach at Highway 457, Bay City – Phillips 66
Sargent Beach, two miles east of Highway 457 – Country Q’s

CALHOUN COUNTY
Sunday Beach, Matagorda Island – Ken & Cindy Haenel
Port Alto Beach – The Hubenak Family
Boggy Nature Park, Port O’Connor – Victoria Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Magnolia Beach – Sand Crab Nature Savers
Ocean Drive to La Salle Monument, Magnolia Beach – The Garza-Mischer Family
Lighthouse Beach, Port Lavaca – Friends of Lighthouse Beach
Point Comfort Causeway on East Side of SH 35 – Hope High School Environmental Club

ARANSAS COUNTY
Goose Island State Park – Beach Bums at Heart

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY
Sunset Lake Park, Portland – City of Portland
Indian Point Park, Portland – voestalpine Texas LLC

NUECES COUNTY
PORT ARANSAS
San Jose Island – Keep Port Aransas Beautiful
Horace Caldwell Pier to South Jetties – Surfrider Foundation, Central Texas Chapter
Avenue G area – Sirena Tribe
I.B. Magee Beach Park – Rollin’ Tide Bail Co.
Access Road 1-A to Access Road 1 – 3rd Coast Charity Organization
Mile Markers 18-20 – Kathy & Stan Novey
Royal Sands Subdivision – Mermaid’s Lair

NORTH PADRE ISLAND
Mile Markers 80-89 – The Koenigs
Access Road 2 area – Beach Bums at Heart
Fish Pass Jetties to the North One Mile – The Expedition School; Pass People
Mustang Island State Park – Andrew Clyburn Family; Total Coastal Apparel; Randy & Dawn Bissell
Mile Marker 196 to Access Road 3, MISP – CoffeeSock
Packery Flats – Coastal Bend Bays Foundation
Packery Channel Park – Texas State Aquarium
JP Luby Beach Park – Lazy Beach Brewing
South Packery Channel from Condos to Jetties – Beach Bums for Life
Whitecap Beach – Marlen Velazquez Beach Conservationist
Access Road 5 to Bob Hall Pier – BSA Venture Crew 5857
Access 6 – Our Playground
Mile Markers 242-252 – Benjamin’s Surf & Skate
Mile Markers 302–322 – Whitecap Survey Company, LLC
Padre Island National Seashore – Carmen Gonzales; Texas Three Percenters; Corpus Christi Moms Blog

CORPUS CHRISTI
Beachfront at Texas A&M University – Texas A&M University AFS Student Subunit
North Beach at bay side birding platform – Tuloso-Midway Navy JROTC
North Beach – Heritage Youth & Family Services of Texas
North Beach from Lexington to Burleson Park – Protect North Beach Beauty
North Beach from Burleson Park to Dolphin Park – North Beach Responsible Business

CAMERON COUNTY
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
Jetties to Dolphin Cove, Isla Blanca Park – Surfrider Foundation, South Texas Chapter
Jetties to the North One Mile, Isla Blanca Park – Friends of Isla Blanca
City Beach Access #3 – City of South Padre Island & Keep South Padre Island Beautiful
Access 2 (Andy Bowie Park) – UTRGV Coastal Studies Lab – NOAA Marine Debris Program
Access 5 (Edwin Atwood Park) on Highway 100 – US Coast Guard – Station South Padre Island
Access Road 6 to the south one mile – High Standards Repair & Remodeling; Beach Bums at Heart
Access 6 to the north one mile – Respetu Tu Playa; Grandma’s Beach
Access 6, two miles past – Ocean Kissed Rentals
Access 6, three miles past – Skinny Dippin’ SPI

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