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6,700+ volunteers pick up 78+ tons of trash from 146 miles of Texas beaches

Spring Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup held at 28 sites coastwide

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AUSTIN — The results for Saturday's 31st annual Spring Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup by the Texas General Land Office are in. Commissioner George P. Bush and his family participated in the cleanup at Mustang Island State Park where they were joined by 200+ volunteers in picking up more than 10,000 pounds of trash along 5 miles at that site alone. Coastwide 6,772 volunteers showed up at 28 locations to remove 156,699 pounds of trash from 146 miles of Texas coastline.

"Many Texas industries rely on a healthy coast to thrive," said Commissioner Bush. "Keeping beaches clean is not just an environmental issue-it's an economic one as well. The Adopt-A-Beach program has been instrumental in keeping beaches clean throughout the last three decades, aiding tourism and commercial fishing industries while maintaining the coast for Texas families."

Since 1986, more than 512,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have cleaned more than 9,495 tons of trash from Texas beaches. Cigarette butts, beer cans and plastic bags are among the most common items found. But with each cleanup, plenty of odd and unusual items inevitably are reported. On Saturday, the list of weird stuff found on Texas beaches included:

Back seat of a van
Bean bag chair
Can of mace
Car fender
Car key with remote
Car seat
Carpet
Cascarones
Commode
Computer motherboard
Crop dusting bag
Easter candy wrappers
Fishing pole
Furniture
Glow sticks
Goggles
Hard hat
HDMI cable
High pressure oxygen tank
Mattress
Metal shelving
Mouth guard
Old life jackets
Ping pong ball
Plastic Easter grass
Plunger
Pregnancy test
Propane tank
Radio
Rusty hammer
Sheetrock
Shotgun shells
Silly string
Synthetic marijuana
Tires
US Coast Guard buoy

Entertainment center	Pizza delivery sign	Wagon
False eyelash	Plastic bottle of urine	

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COUNTY	CLEANUP SITE	MILES CLEANED	VOLUNTEERS	POUNDS
Brazoria	*Surfside Beach*	*14*	*1,030*	*45,720*
	Quintana, Bryan Beach	*2.5*	*137*	*2,000*
	County Total	16.5	1167	47,720
Calhoun	*Port Lavaca, Magnolia Beach (Bay)*	*6*	*134*	*1,820*
	Boggy Nature Park (Bay)	*1*	*42*	*750*
	Port O' Connor, King Fisher Beach (Bay)	*1*	*19*	*400*
	County Total	8	195	2,970
Cameron	*South Padre Island - County Beaches*	*5*	*1,265*	*5,064*
	South Padre Island - City Beaches	*5*	*504*	*2,825*
	Boca Chica	*7.5*	*92*	*3,902*
	County Total	17.5	1861	11,791
Chambers	*Chambers County*	*1*	*39*	*2,000*
	County Total	1	39	2,000
Galveston	*Bolivar Peninsula*	*27*	*223*	*5,125*
	Galveston Island	*19*	*1,062*	*29,000*
	Texas City Prairie Preserve - (Bay)	*2.5*	*130*	*6,500*
	County Total	48.5	1415	40,625
Jefferson	*McFaddin Beach*	*2*	*200*	*7,680*
	Sea Rim State Park	*5*	*132*	*1,992*
	County Total	7	332	9,672
Kleberg and Nueces	*Baffin Bay (Bay)*	*1*	*24*	*192*

	Padre Island National Seashore	*4*	*110*	*2,050*
	Mustang Island State Park	*5*	*209*	*10,450*
	North Corpus Christi Beach (Bay)	*9*	*283*	*5,500*
	Cole Park (Bay)	*4*	*72*	*420*
	Packery Flats (Bay)	*3*	*19*	*480*
	North Padre Island	*8.9*	*289*	*4,200*
	Aransas Pass (Bay)	*1*	*36*	*2,200*
	County Total	35.9	1042	25,492
Matagorda	*Sargent Beach*	*2*	*266*	*5,790*
	Matagorda Beach	*5*	*171*	*8,550*
	Palacios (Bay)	*1.5*	*50*	*575*
	County Total	8.5	487	14,915
Refugio	*Austwell Pier (Bay)*	*1*	*23*	*325*
	County Total	1	23	325
San Patricio	*Sunset Lake Park, Portland (Bay)*	*2*	*211*	*1,189*
	County Total	2	211	1,189
TOTAL	Spring 2017	146	6,772	156,699

The 2017 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup was sponsored by Apache Corporation, Schlumberger, Flint Hills Resources, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, Murphy Oil and Exploration Company, and in-kind donor, Keep Texas Beautiful.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST. Like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/TexasAdoptABeach and follow us on Twitter @TXAdoptABeach.

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