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Texas Adopt-A-Beach Program Spring Cleanup Set for April 24

The 24th annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 24th at 29 sites along the Texas coast.

"Join us for a great time and a good cause—keeping Texas beaches beautiful," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups are held rain or shine! Volunteers can register at any of 29 check-in sites between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on April 24th. Volunteers must pre-register for the St. Jo Island location, as reservations are required due to limited access. Volunteers for St. Jo Island will check in on April 24th at 8 a.m. at Fisherman's Wharf, 900 Tarpon St., in Port Aransas.

Texans who are not able to attend the cleanup can help keep their beaches clean by making a tax-deductible donation online at www.texasadoptabeach.org. There are several different Adopt-A-Beach sponsorship levels ranging from $25 to $25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute to this major cleanup effort.

Each volunteer will be given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags. All volunteers are advised to wear closed-toe shoes and bring sunscreen and plenty of drinking water.

Statewide sponsors for the Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup are Apache, KBR, Newfield Foundation, Keep Texas Beautiful, AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry LLC, ExxonMobil, Flint Hills Resources Community Action Council, Halliburton, Storm Water Solutions and Tetra Technologies.

A list of cleanup sites for the upcoming Spring Cleanup is located on page 8. For more information on the Adopt-A-Beach program, please visit www.texasadoptabeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TXCOAST.

Fall Cleanup Leaves Texas Beaches Looking Great

More than 8,200 volunteers joined forces on Saturday, September 26 for the Texas General Land Office's 23rd Annual Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup. The thousands of dedicated volunteers who turned out for Operation Target Trash removed nearly 217 tons of trash from more than 194 miles of Texas coastline.

"The Adopt-A-Beach troops came out in full force, and I want to thank them all," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. "This program wouldn't work without these dedicated Texans."

At Adopt-A-Beach sites all along the coast, volunteers reported many odd and unusual items while combing the beaches for trash. Among the most interesting items found were a military duffle bag full of camouflaged clothing and shotgun shells, two TV sets, a mattress, a washing machine, a carport, dentures, underwear, a plastic cup with "Don't litter, Keep Texas Clean" printed on it, a $5 bill, a teddy bear, a duck decoy and cell phone parts.

Most of the trash found consisted of typical items left by beachgoers: cigarette butts, soda cans, beer bottles, beach toys and tires.

Trash such as these items clutters beaches around the world, and our Texas coast is no exception. The mix of trash has changed over the years that Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have scoured Texas' beaches. When the program started in 1986, the majority of

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trash on our coastline washed ashore from international ships that simply dumped it overboard. Since then, data collected by Adopt-A-Beach volunteers helped to pass an international shipping treaty that bans such sloppy practices and requires all oceangoing vessels to dispose of their trash responsibly while in port.

Adopt-A-Beach's Fall Cleanup was held in conjunction with the annual International Coastal Cleanup – the world's largest volunteer effort to remove coastal litter. The International Coastal Cleanup event is organized by the Ocean Conservancy. This group's mission is to improve the health of the oceans by encouraging civic involvement and education. Similar to the ideas and goals of the Ocean Conservancy, the Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program was founded in 1986 as a Texas-based volunteer initiative. For 23 years, the Adopt-A-Beach program has carried its message to thousands of volunteers who've participated in our biannual events each spring and fall. Since the first cleanup in 1986, more than 390,000 volunteers have picked up more than 7,500 tons of trash from the Texas coast. For more information on the Adopt-A-Beach program, please visit www.texasadoptabeach.org, or contact the GLO at 1-877-TXCOAST.

Be the Hit of the Highway and Show Your Pride for Texas Beaches

You can support the Texas coast all year by purchasing the official Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach specialty license plate. For every plate sold, the Adopt-A-Beach program receives a direct benefit to help it continue to grow, reduce litter on Texas beaches and provide coastal environmental education to schoolchildren.

The plate costs $30 in addition to regular vehicle fees, with $22 used to support the Texas coastline. In addition, the cost of purchasing the plate is considered a tax-deductible donation from you.

You don't have to wait until your registration expires. If your vehicle is currently registered when your new plate is issued, your registration expiration date will be updated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to correspond with the expiration of your new Adopt-A-Beach plate. If you buy a new car, or wish to change to another vehicle, license plates are transferable with a corrected vehicle registration form obtained from your local county tax office.

Personalized plates are available for an extra $40. To personalize your Adopt-A-Beach plate, go to www.texasonline.com, check out TxDOT guidelines and choose a message of five spaces or less. You may also download and submit the required form by mail. TxDOT will review each request to ensure you don't duplicate another registered plate.

It takes two to three weeks to process the plate, which will be mailed to your local county tax office for you to pick up. Remember to bring your vehicle inventory number (VIN) with you.

Show your Texas coast pride and make a statement with your car's license plate by purchasing an Adopt-A-Beach license plate. To reserve your Adopt-A-Beach plate, have your VIN ready, go to Texas Online or your local tax office Web site and order at your convenience. For more information about our Adopt-A-Beach license plates, visit www.texasadoptabeach.org or contact the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program at 1.877.TXCOAST or by e-mail at beach@glo.state.tx.us.

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Congratulations to Rex Ward, AAB Coordinator and Recipient of the Gulf Coast Guardian Award

The Adopt-A-Beach program would like to congratulate Rex Ward. Rex, who has been involved in efforts to improve our environment for many years, was honored for his work with a distinguished Gulf Coast Guardian Award last fall.

Rex is Co-Chairman and Founder of the Clear Creek Environmental Foundation (CCEF) and he recently won second place in the 2009 Gulf Coast Guardian Awards Civic/Non-Profit category.

The award came after Rex led the Clear Creek Environmental Foundation volunteers in a massive undertaking to remove more than 203 tons of Hurricane Ike trash and debris from the water in Seabrook and Kemah.

The Gulf Coast Guardian Awards are given for innovative solutions to problems that have an adverse effect on the environment and economy.

The Texas General Land Office is proud to have Rex on our team of dedicated Site Coordinators for the Adopt-A-Beach program. Rex has served as a Site Coordinator for the Seabrook area for over 10 years.

Rex Ward, right, and Mike Stone, president of the CCEF.

Cold Winter Winds No Match for AAB Volunteers

Volunteers at the Coastal Bend Winter Beach Cleanup.

A howling wind cold enough to chill a Canadian failed to deter 30 brave volunteers from removing 1,375 pounds of trash from Edwin Atwood Park on Friday, February 12. The Winter Texan Beach Cleanup drew volunteers from Canada, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, New Mexico, Montana, Illinois and Texas to clean the Cameron County beach at South Padre Island.

Some of the more unusual items found this year were a scuba mask, a pacifier and a toilet seat.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Winter Texan Beach Cleanup partners with Cameron County Parks to remove trash and increase public awareness of marine and beach debris problems. The Winter Texan Beach Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer cleanups held annually in the state.

Volunteers at the Sixth Annual Coastal Bend Winter Beach Cleanup—held on February 13—faced sunnier skies but still dealt with bitter cold temperatures. However, the cold couldn't stop these loyal volunteers as they removed more than 5.4 tons of trash.

Volunteers focused their efforts on North Corpus Christi Beach at the Texas State Aquarium, Port Aransas and the Padre Island National Seashore. Muddy conditions forced the cancellation of the Aransas Pass cleanup, which was rescheduled for March 6th.

Odd and unusual items found by the beachcombers included a hypodermic needle, tires, a tube of glue and a Timex watch.

As volunteers clean up beaches they record data to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline. Since 1986, the Adopt-A-Beach program has successfully removed more than 7,500 tons of debris with the help of over 390,000 volunteers.

For additional information on the Winter Texan Beach Cleanup, the Coastal Bend Winter Beach Cleanup and the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit www.texasadopta-beach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TXCOAST.

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Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network

Founded in 1980, the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network (TMMSN) is a nonprofit volunteer-based organization dedicated to the study and conservation of marine mammals. Marine mammals often end up on beaches and in shallow water. This is called a stranding.

TMMSN is the only agency licensed under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to handle stranded marine mammals—dead or alive—on the Texas Gulf Coast. The Network consists of seven regions along the Texas and western Louisiana coast, which provide a coordinated response to all marine mammal strandings.

The marine mammal that's stranded more than any other along the Gulf Coast is the bottlenose dolphin. The Network has also responded to strandings of melon-headed whales, Atlantic spotted dolphins and a wide variety of other mammals including a pygmy killer whale. TMMSN is world renowned for its ability to rescue, care for and release live stranded marine mammals. The program is used as a model for developing networks in other countries. While most stranded mammals are not found alive, they still provide valuable information for research and education programs. Data collected by TMMSN volunteers is helping to fill the gaps in basic information about the life and biology of cetaceans, and particularly about dolphins. The tissues archive and data collected, stored and shared with biologists around the world, including the national network at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., would be difficult to obtain by any other means. As detailed research findings continue to be distributed worldwide, the program has become known as one to emulate.

Volunteers work to rescue a stranded dolphin in Matagorda.

An animal strands itself primarily due to illness, weather conditions, interaction with fishing nets or other fisheries interactions, toxins in the water, newborns and juveniles getting separated from their mothers, gunshot wounds, disorientation due to interference with their echolocation and hurricane impacts, among several other reasons.

Approximately 130-150 marine mammals strand along the Texas coast each year. When a mammal strands, volunteers go to work. Animals stranding alive receive immediate first-aid attention and are transported to a holding tank. At the facility, a qualified veterinarian directs treatment and round-the-clock workers are necessary to monitor the condition of the animal. It is a very expensive and time-consuming process. Costs for this care can reach an average of $400 a day.

Volunteers rehabilitate an injured bottlenose dolphin in Galveston.

A supportive and informed public is vital to the success of the stranding network. Without your help, strandings may go unreported, and animals that could be saved may die. Financial support is also imperative to the TMMSN's growth. As a non-profit organization, the TMMSN receives no budgeted state or federal funding, existing on contributions from individuals and corporations.

What do you do if you find an animal stranded on the beach? Follow these tips to help keep the animal alive and reduce its stress until help arrives:

- Call 1-800-9-MAMMAL to report a stranded animal or call the local police with the location of the stranding, even if the animal is dead.
- DO NOT return the animal to sea. They are there for a reason, usually sick or injured. Keep people and pets away from the animal. If alive, do not leave the animal as they need comfort and cannot keep themselves upright. Only allow one or two people to stay near the animal—more onlookers could stress the animal.
- Relieve pressure on fins by digging holes under them. To relieve pressure on lungs you can dig a pit under the mammal and fill the pit with water.
- Keep the animal cool and wet by splashing water on its skin. Avoid getting water in the blowhole.
- Apply wet towels or t-shirts and provide a shade if possible using tarps or towels. Keep the blowhole free of obstruction and take care not to cover the dorsal fin, flippers or tail.
- Apply sunscreen or zinc oxide (NOT suntan oil) as dolphin's skin is very sensitive and can burn severely. If the animal is in the surf, support it upright and keep water out of its blowhole. Be careful around the powerful tail and mouth of the animal.

Volunteers are needed to watch dolphins during their recovery 24 hours a day. If you can volunteer to help or support the Stranding Network's efforts, please call 409-740-4455 or e-mail tmmsn@tamug.edu or visit their Web site at www.tmmsn.org.

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Stoked about Texas Beaches: Surfrider Foundation South Texas Chapter

The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit grassroots association dedicated to the conservation and enjoyment of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers in Malibu, California, the Surfrider Foundation has over 50,000 members and 90 chapters around the world.

The Surfrider Foundation South Texas Chapter is located on South Padre Island. It serves the entire Lower Laguna Madre area as a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to protecting local beaches and water for all people, through conservation, activism, research and education. The chapter was established in August 2005 and is one of four chapters in Texas.

With over 75 official members (many more help and support the chapter through volunteering and donations), the South Texas Chapter has been hard at work to raise awareness of local and state coastal issues and challenges. Since 2005, the group has made huge strides in environmental stewardship.

Surfrider volunteers organize a cleanup event at Dolphin Cove in South Texas.

The Surfrider South Texas Chapter participates in the Adopt-A-Beach coastwide cleanups each fall and spring and hosts many of its own beach cleanups. The group is part of the Texas General Land Office Beach Guardian program and has adopted a mile of beach at Dolphin Cove inside Isla Blanca Park. Rob Nixon, Chairman of the South Texas Chapter, believes the beach cleanups help to educate participants about beach trash and the harm it does. "This is not only an environmental harm, but an economic one. Dirty beaches mean less tourists coming back to enjoy our greatest amenity here on South Padre Island," Nixon said.

The group continues to celebrate International Surfing Day every June. "Showing children and their families the fun, excitement and wonderment of playing in the water and on the beach is invaluable in having individuals realize the importance of preserving that experience for future generations," Nixon said. "Whether that activity be surfing, kayaking, fishing, building sandcastles, snorkeling or just sitting there reading a book, our beaches provide an experience that inspires people to want to take ownership and protect that resource."

Surfrider/Barefoot Wine Dune Restoration Event in South Texas.

The group is helping Cameron County Parks and Recreation evaluate Andy Bowie County Park. The goal is to come up with ways to preserve county beach parks to the fullest extent while providing profit for the county within the framework of a public use park. "We hope that the plan that is developed for Andy Bowie will be able to be applied to all three of our county parks," Nixon said.

2010 saw the passage of Texas' first plastic bag ban ordinance in Brownsville. The Surfrider Foundation has taken the lead on coordinating a resurgent effort within the Lower Laguna Madre community to achieve the same thing. Currently, both Port Isabel and South Padre Island are looking into bag ordinances and addressing this issue on a regional level.

Education is another mission of the Surfrider Foundation. Chapter members speak at local schools and stress the importance of maintaining a clean watershed within Cameron County and the rest of the Rio Grande Valley. "After all, everything eventually ends up in the ocean," Nixon said. Surfrider also continues to expand its College Scholarship Program. Since 2007, the South Texas Chapter has awarded six scholarships to local students and hopes to increase both the number of students receiving the scholarships and the amount they receive.

Nixon said the Surfrider South Texas Chapter will continue its advocacy of the Texas Open Beaches Act (TOBA). "Every legislative session this invaluable law that protects the right of all Texans to access and use the state's public beaches comes under attack in some form or another," he said. "Texas Surfrider Chapters have tirelessly defended this since the first chapter was formed in Houston 10 years ago. We have testified in front of the state Legislature, filed amicus briefs in favor of TOBA in the Severence vs. Patterson case, defeated beach takeovers in Corpus Christi and most recently helped make the right to use and access Texas Public Beaches a constitutional right."

For more information on the Surfrider Foundation visit www.surfrider.org and visit the organization's South Texas Chapter site at www.surfrider.org/southtexas/.

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The North Shore Surf Club Beach Guardian Group Pitches In

The Adopt-A-Beach and Beach Guardian programs would like to spotlight Jimmy and Let Johnson and the North Shore Surf Club for their efforts in environmental education and keeping our Texas beaches pristine.

The Beach Guardian program is made up of volunteers whose love of the Texas coast drives them to adopt a mile of beach and clean it for a year.

The North Shore Surf Club was founded in 2003 by Let and Jimmy Johnson, educators for the Galena Park Independent School District in Houston. Their goal was to bring together a small group of five students who shared a love for surfing and protecting the environment.

The North Shore Surf Club became an official Beach Guardian in 2005 when it adopted a mile of beach

Galena Park Independent School District's North Shore Surf Club members in Galveston.

adjoining the Flagship Hotel, a popular surf spot off Galveston Island. Jimmy and Let made it possible for club members to go on surfing field trips to their adopted area in Galveston. The Johnsons made it a rule that members couldn't surf until they did a "beach sweep," cleaning any manageable debris from the shoreline before they hit the waves. "No one ever complained," Jimmy said. "I don't know of any other schools in Texas, or at least our area, that have surfing field trips; so I remind them (students) how fortunate they are."

With Jimmy and Let's encouragement, North Shore Surf Club members do water testing in the Houston area and also in Galveston. This gives the students a better understanding of what pollutants are present and where they may be coming from. The organization has its own water testing facility at North Shore Senior High School. The facility has an incubator and equipment to run water quality tests, which was made possible by support from the Texas Upper Coast Chapter of Surfrider Foundation, a Beach Guardian adopter in the Surfside area.

The North Shore Surf Club organization for the 2009/2010 school year has about 35 members and continues to be heavily involved in many environmental endeavors.

Marking storm drains for the Harris County Joint Task Force.

"Working with local, state and international organizations such as Harris County Storm Drain Joint Task Force, Galveston Bay Foundation, the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program, Surfrider Foundation and SurfAid International has given the club members an opportunity to see from a hands-on perspective, exactly what it takes to help protect and preserve our rivers, bays and oceans," Jimmy Johnson said. "From a humanitarian perspective, working with SurfAid International has given us the chance to reach out globally to help impoverished communities around the world."

North Shore Surf Club members spend many hours working with marshland restoration, beach cleanups and presenting environmental programs to local area students.

"As sponsors of the Surf Club, we are proud of our group's accomplishments and will miss our 2010 graduating members who have been instrumental in the organization's progress and success," Jimmy said. "Our thanks go out to all our members for a job well done. We want to especially thank GPISD Superintendent Dr. Mark Henry and Senior High School Principals Mr. John Moore and Mr. Kenneth Wallace for their full support of our organization."

Schools, community groups and individuals are invited to create positive change for the Texas coastline by joining the Beach Guardian program. Beach Guardians adopt a mile of beach and make a commitment of three visits per year for litter cleanup and monitoring, however, school groups in grades K-12 can fulfill their obligation with a single cleanup. Students who participate in this yearly cleanup will receive an Adopt-A-Beach youth patch as well as an official certificate of adoption for their classrooms' adopted miles of coastline. Supplies are available for participants of the Beach Guardian program. For additional information on the Beach Guardian program please visit www.texasadoptabeach.org or contact Kate Wong at 281.470.2666.

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Galveston County Coordinator Gary Schero

Gary Schero and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

The success of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program would not be possible without its committed Site Coordinators along the Texas coastline. The Adopt-A-Beach program would like to spotlight one of its most dedicated Site Coordinators, Gary Schero.

Gary is the Site Coordinator for one of our busiest coastal regions—Galveston County. Galveston attracts thousands of beachgoers every year, and like all coastal areas, its beaches need plenty of attention to ensure they remain pristine. Gary ensures that Galveston beaches stay clean by volunteering to help individuals from all over the community do their part to clean the coast and dispose of marine debris.

As a Site Coordinator, Gary coordinates both the Fall and Spring Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups for Galveston County as well as playing an integral role in the Beach Guardian program, wherein individuals adopt a mile of Texas coast and make a commitment to clean it three times a year. He has 20 Beach Guardian groups in Galveston County—the most in the state—and serves as their local point of contact. The number of adopting groups in the area keeps growing.

Gary is now entering his 15th year as a Site Coordinator for Adopt-A-Beach. Gary grew up in Houston, but loved getting away to his parents' Galveston beach home. His love for Galveston beaches began as a young boy enjoying body surfing, skim boarding and combing the sand for shark teeth with his mom. Gary and his wife, Valerie, share a passion for the beach. Their beloved pets, Sadie and Minnie, also like the area beaches. Gary, who has lived on the island for 20 years, is a full-time Realtor with The House Company in Galveston.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program's success is due to the hard work of volunteers and local coordinators. Gary feels the Galveston County site is especially lucky to have the help of devoted individuals from Clean Galveston, a community-based membership organization dedicated to keeping the area clean. He's particularly glad to have the assistance of his hard-working nieces, Alex and Ari Brown, his brother-in-law, Tony Brown, and Pat McCloy.

The 2009 Fall Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup removed 217 tons of beach litter from more than 194 miles of Texas coast. Gary's area had a total of 2,716 volunteers turn out to remove an impressive 141,780 pounds of trash from 58 miles of coast in Galveston County. The Fall 2009 Cleanup was especially memorable to Gary since the cleanup for Galveston County (and other sites along the upper Texas coast) was cancelled the year before due to Hurricane Ike. "The cleanup became more challenging since the hurricane had flooded Clean Galveston's office," he said. "Salvaged supplies had to be stored at various locations including my garage. There were over 8,200 volunteers that joined forces and rose to the occasion to get our beaches back."

The Adopt-A-Beach program is lucky to have Gary Schero as one of its Site Coordinators. His hard work, loyalty and dependability are invaluable to the program.

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Can't Attend the Cleanup? You Can Still Help!

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Cleanup Sites and Local Coordinators

McFaddin Beach
Jefferson County
Check-in: McFaddin Beach entrance 1.9 miles west of Sea Rim State Park on Hwy. 87
Contact: Mark Guzman
409-896-5555 ext. 135
mark.guzman@texasadoptabeach.org

Chambers County
Check-in: 1 mile east of the intersection of Highways 124 and 87 at the beach
Contact: Lana Yawn
409-267-2644 or 409-296-8250
lana.yawn@texasadoptabeach.org
Patti Kahla 409-267-1370
or 409-267-2650
Angela Hale 409-267-2647

Horsepen Bayou—Harris County
Check-in: Clear Lake High School, 2929 Bay Area Blvd.
Contact: Andrew Schaafs 832-818-1381
andrew.schaafs@texasadoptabeach.org

Bolivar Peninsula
Galveston County
Check-in: Crenshaw Elementary, 416 Hwy 87, about 7 miles from the ferry landing
Contact: Denise Parsons
409-795-1046
denise.parsons@texasadoptabeach.org

Seabrook—Harris County
(Upper banks of Clear Creek)
Check-in: Hwy. 146 on north side of the Kemah bridge and about 1/2 mile east of the bridge on Todville Rd. between the bridge and 2nd Street.
Contact: Erin Radney 832-326-4290
erin.radney@texasadoptabeach.org

Seabrook—Harris County
(At banks of Clear Creek)
Check-in: Hwy. 146 north side of Clear Creek under bridge on Seabrook city side
Contact: Rex Ward 281-910-8774
rex.ward@texasadoptabeach.org

The John M. O'Quinn I-45 Estuarial Corridor & Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve
Galveston County
Check-in: Exit 6 off I-45 at Reitan Point
Contact: Evangeline Whorton
979-234-2096 or 409-744-7431
409-789-4996 (cell)
evangeline.whorton@texasadoptabeach.org

Galveston Island
Galveston County
Check-in: Menard Park, 27th & Seawall Blvd.
Contact: Gary Schero 409-762-3363
gary.schero@texasadoptabeach.org

Surfside—Brazoria County
Check-in: Stahlman Park, C.R. 257 (Bluewater Hwy.)
Contact: James Glover, Brazoria County Parks Department 979-864-1541 ext. 3
james.glover@texasadoptabeach.org

Quintana, Bryan Beach
Brazoria County
Check-in: Quintana Beach County Park, 5th St.
Contact: James Glover, Brazoria County Parks Department
979-864-1541 ext. 3
james.glover@texasadoptabeach.org

Sargent Beach, Bay City
Matagorda County
Check-in: Sargent Beach entrance
Contact: Lamar Brown
Tony Pustejovsky 979-244-6144
lamar.brown@texasadoptabeach.org

Matagorda Beach
Matagorda County
Check-in: Matagorda Jetty Park
Contact: Peggy Stanley
979-863-2920 or 979-216-6016 (cell)
peggy.stanley@texasadoptabeach.org

Magnolia Beach/Indianola
Calhoun County
Check-in: Crabbin' Bridge
Contact: Rhonda Cummins
361-552-9747
rhonda.cummins@texasadoptabeach.org

King Fisher Beach, Port O'Connor
Calhoun County
Check-in: Pavilion at King Fisher Beach
Contact: Debbie Gayle
361-552-3200 (daytime)
361-983-4647 (evening)
debbie.gayle@texasadoptabeach.org

Rockport—Aransas County
Check-in: Rockport Beach Park beach-front pavilion
Contact: Tom Staley
361-729-2213, ext. 226
tom.staley@texasadoptabeach.org

Austwell Pier—Refugio County
Check-in: Austwell Pier
Contact: Dwight Mutschler
361-286-3762
austwellredfish@texasadoptabeach.org

Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay
Nueces County
Check-in: Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Hwy. 361
Contact: Richard Gonzales
361-779-7351
richard.gonzales@texasadoptabeach.org

Portland—San Patricio County
Check-in: Sunset Lake Park, Hwy. 181
Contact: Stacy Stork
361-777-0461
stacy.stork@texasadoptabeach.org

St. Jo Island/Port Aransas
Nueces County
Check-in: 8:00 a.m. – Fisherman's Wharf, 900 Tarpon St.
Contact: Deno Fabrie 361-749-0256
deno.fabrie@texasadoptabeach.org
*Limited access – reservations required

Port Aransas—Nueces County
Check-in: Avenue G at the beach
Contact: Deno Fabrie 361-749-0256
deno.fabrie@texasadoptabeach.org

Mustang Island State Park
Corpus Christi—Nueces County
Check-in: 17047 State Hwy. 361
Contact: Paul Eubank 361-749-5246
paul.eubank@texasadoptabeach.org

Corpus Christi Beach
Nueces County
Check-in: Texas State Aquarium
2710 North Shoreline Blvd.
Contact: Kristin Ralls 361-881-1321
kristin.ralls@texasadoptabeach.org

Cole Park (Kid's Place)
Corpus Christi—Nueces County
Check-in: 1526 Ocean Dr.
Contact: Daiquiri Richard 361-855-2888
daiquiri.richard@texasadoptabeach.org

North Padre Island, Corpus Christi—Kleberg County
Check-in: Padre Balli Park Office, 15820 Park Rd. 22
Contact: Jim Needham—Surfrider Foundation 361-825-2708
james.needham@texasadoptabeach.org
Todd Dwyer 361-853-9877
todd.dwyer@texasadoptabeach.org
Ilene Jantz 361-563-4119
ilene.jantz@texasadoptabeach.org

Padre Island National Seashore
Kleberg County
Check-in: Malaquite Visitor Center, 20420 Park Road 22
Contact: William "Buzz" Botts
361-949-8068
buzz.botts@texasadoptabeach.org

Baffin Bay, Rivera
Kleberg County
Check-in: Kaufer-Hubert Park, FM 628
Contact: Susan Ivy 361-595-8591
susan.ivy@texasadoptabeach.org

South Padre Island Cameron County Parks—Cameron County
Check-in: Andy Bowie Park, Access Road #2, Highway 100
Contact: Monica Vela 956-761-5494
Clemente Valdez 956-761-3704
monica.vela@texasadoptabeach.org

South Padre Island City Beaches
Cameron County
Check-in: Town Beach Access #3 at Gulf Blvd. & Palm Street
Contact: Rob Nixon 956-433-1472
rob.nixon@texasadoptabeach.org
Ann Arendarczyk 956-772-1786
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