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MEDIA ADVISORY

Volunteers needed at 12 sites for Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup

Limited number of sites due to damage from Hurricane Harvey

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Update: We have just learned that Brazoria County cleanups at Surfside Beach and Gulfbrand Beach may be canceled due to large debris that has washed onto the beach. Volunteers out on the beach while the contractors are at work removing this dangerous debris.

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AUSTIN - Volunteers are encouraged to sign up to help clean the Texas coast on Saturday, Sept. 23. Typically featuring approximately 30 locations, the 2017 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup will have a limited number of sites participating on due to damages caused by Hurricane Harvey. Volunteers can sign up to help clean the beaches at one of 12 sites online at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or show up on-site Saturday morning to take part in a fun-filled day at the beach that makes a difference.

"Hurricane Harvey was a destructive force that ravaged communities along the coast, but on Sept. 23, Texans from far and wide are going to come together to help restore our Texas beaches," said Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "Many residents of the towns and communities along the Texas coast are dependent on tourism for their livelihood. Sign up now to join forces with thousands of other Texans who care about the coast and helping Texans rebuild. Come out and be a part of the solution on Saturday, Sept. 23."

Who: Thousands of Texans who care about the coast

What: GLO Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup

When: Saturday, Sept. 23

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Clean up will be from 9 a.m. to noon

Where: 12 sites coast-wide:

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- o Houston/Galveston area: Galveston Island, Morgan's Point, Nature Conservancy's Texas City Prairie Preserve
- o Port O'Connor: Boggy Nature Park and King Fisher Beach
- o Corpus Christi: Baffin Bay, North Beach, North Padre Island/Padre Balli Park, and Padre Island National Seashore
- o Rio Grande Valley: South Padre Island/Andy Bowie Park, Town Beach Access #3 and Boca Chica

The Texas Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 512,000 volunteers have removed more than 9,495 tons of trash from Texas beaches. Each volunteer will be given data cards, gloves, pencils and trash bags. All volunteers are advised to wear closed-toe shoes, bring sunscreen and plenty of drinking water. The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are held rain or shine!

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.

The 2017 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup is sponsored by Apache, Schlumberger, Murphy Oil and Exploration Company, Flint Hills Resources, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Ocean Conservancy (in-kind sponsor).

Everyone who signs up online and checks in at their cleanup location will be entered to win an RTIC Soft Pack 20 cooler or one of three 64-ounce stainless steel bottles. The random drawing will take place after the cleanup. Winners will be contacted directly.

And don't forget, now 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 sale, the Adopt-A-Beach program receives a direct benefit that will help the program continue to grow, reduce litter on Texas beaches, and provide coastal environmental education to our youth.

The plate costs just \$30 in addition to regular vehicle fees, with \$22 used to support the Texas coastline. Personalized plates are also available for an extra \$40. In addition, the cost of purchasing the plate is considered a tax-deductible donation from you.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TXCOAST. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/texasadoptabeach or follow us on Twitter [@TXAdoptABeach](https://twitter.com/TXAdoptABeach).

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