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Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup set for April 25 *11 cleanup sites in the Corpus Christi area*

AUSTIN — The 23rd annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 25th at 11 sites in the Corpus Christi area.

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

Volunteers can register at ten of the 11 check-in sites beginning at 8:30 a.m. on April 25th. Volunteers must pre-register for the St. Jo Island location in advance, as reservations are required due to limited access. Volunteers for St. Jo Island will check in on April 25th 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 Adopt-A-Beach cleanups are held every spring and fall.

Texas beaches receive large amounts of marine debris due to a convergence of currents in the Gulf of Mexico. Since 1986, more than 375,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up more than 7,100 tons of this debris along the Texas coast. Volunteers record data on the trash to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas’ 367 miles of coastline.

Local news media sponsors for the cleanup include the following Corpus Christi stations: KRIS-TV Channel 6 NBC, KDF-TV Channel 47 Fox, The CW South Texas, KORO-TV Channel 28 Univision, KCRP-TV Channel 2 Telefutera, and Clear Channel Radio stations KKTX-AM, KNCN-FM, KMXR-FM, KRYS-FM, KUNO-AM and KSAB-FM.

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The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Cleanups are held rain or shine!

For a complete listing of cleanup sites for the upcoming Spring Cleanup, to learn how you can participate, or for additional information on the Adopt-A-Beach Program, please visit www.texasadoptabeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST.

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- Who:** Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office
What: GLO Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup
When: Saturday, April 25, 2009
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
Clean up will be from 9 a.m. to noon
- Where:** 11 coastal sites in the Corpus Christi area
- Rockport – Aransas County
Check-in: Rockport Beach Park beachfront pavilion
Contact: Tom Staley at 361-729-2213 ext. 134
tom.staley@texasadoptabeach.org
 - Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay – Nueces County
Check-in: Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Highway 361
Contact: Lois Huff at 361-882-3439, lois.huff@texasadoptabeach.org
or Richard Gonzales at 361-779-7351, richard@gulfmex.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 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 Highway 361 – Park Headquarters
Contact: Paul Eubank at 361-749-5246
paul.eubank@texasadoptabeach.org

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

- Cole Park (Kid’s Place), Corpus Christi – Nueces County
Check-in: 1526 Ocean Drive
Contact: Daiquiri Richard at 361-855-2888
daiquiri.richard@texasadoptabeach.org

- North Padre Island, Corpus Christi – Kleberg County
Check-in: Padre Balli Park Office, 15820 Park Road 22
Contact: Shirley Bralley at 361-548-5986,
shirley.bralley@texasadoptabeach.org
Or Jim Needham at 361-825-2708, james.needham@texasadoptabeach.org
Or Todd Dwyer at 361-853-9877, todd.dwyer@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 – Kleberg County
Check-in: Kaufer-Hubert Park, FM 628
Contact: Susan Ivy at 361-595-8591
susan.ivy@texasadoptabeach.org

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