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Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup set for April 26 *11 cleanup sites in the Corpus Christi area*

AUSTIN — The 22nd annual Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 26th at 11 sites in the Corpus Christi area. The all-volunteer event is coordinated through the Adopt-A-Beach Program of the Texas General Land Office.

“Join us for a great day at the beach with thousands of other Texans who care enough to show it through their actions,” Patterson said.

Volunteers can register at ten of the 11 check-in sites beginning at 8:30 a.m. on April 26th. 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 26th 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.

The all-volunteer event is coordinated through the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program. Statewide coastal 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 365,000 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up more than 6,900 tons of trash 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 1360, KNCN-FM 101.3, KMXR-FM 93.9, KRYS-FM 99.1, KUNO-AM 1400 and KSAB-FM 99.9.

Statewide sponsors for the Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup are National Oilwell, Varco, Royal Caribbean, ExxonMobil, Stormwater Solutions, Halliburton and Starbucks. In-kind donations will be provided by Keep Texas Beautiful.

The 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.

Who: Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office

What: GLO Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 26, 2008

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: Bruce Reynolds 361-749-0215

bruce.reynolds@texasadoptabeach.org

***Limited access – reservations required**

- Port Aransas – Nueces County

Check-in: Avenue G at the beach

Contact: Bruce Reynolds 361-749-0215
bruce.reynolds@texasadoptabeach.org

- Mustang Island State Park, Corpus Christi – Nueces County
Check-in: 17047 State Highway 361 – Park Headquarters
Contact: Juan Sanchez at 361-749-5246, juan.sanchez@tpwd.state.tx.us
or 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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