

# Coastal Bend Bays Foundation

## Earth Day-Bay Day Background & History

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### WHAT IS EDBD?

**EDBD** is an important education and outreach festival *free* for Coastal Bend residents. **EDBD** provides a unique opportunity for citizens to learn about our bays and estuaries, wetlands, native plants and animals, recycling, conservation and other environmental issues. We encourage citizens to protect natural resources, and we ask for their *life-long* commitment to conserve resources. **EDBD** goals are:

1. **Education**. We educate the public about our bays, estuaries, and other native habitats, and the importance of clean air, clean water and a clean environment to our Coastal quality of life.
2. **Conservation**. We urge citizens to become more pro-active in their day-to-day lives in recycling, composting, conserving energy, water, and other resources, and preventing litter accumulation.
3. **Habitat Protection**. We encourage protection of native habitats (such as sea grasses) by asking citizens to take part in low- to no-impact outdoor activities such as kayaking, wind-surfing, birding, biking, fly-fishing, gardening, swimming and hiking.
4. **Participation**. We bring together groups, such as Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the City of Corpus Christi, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc. (CBBEP), Beautify Corpus Christi, Sierra Club and Audubon, and we encourage our visitors to become active in these organizations.

### WHO SPONSORS EDBD?

The Coastal Bend Bays Foundation (CBBF) is proud to have launched our First Earth Day-Bay Day in 1999. The following have been partners and sponsors of **Earth Day-Bay Day** since:

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## **WHY?**

The Coastal Bend has some of the most ecologically AND economically productive marine waters in the United States. Preserving the resources in and around our bays and estuaries and the uplands in our watershed remains a top priority for the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation. We believe that educating the public is one of the most important ways to protect these precious resources.

## **DID YOU KNOW THESE EDBD FACTS?**

- **EDBD** is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year!
- **EDBD** served over 15,000 visitors and had over 80 exhibitors/vendors in 2007, including resource protection agencies, regional environmental groups and many businesses and non-profits
- **EDBD** has many excellent **free** education exhibits, such as the Wetlands on Wheels, Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, TPWD – Junior Angler Program, City of Corpus Christi Water, Street & Solid Waste, and Recycling department exhibits, Texas State Aquarium, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, animal rehabbers and much more
- **EDBD** offers exhibits on kayaking, birding, fishing and nature tourism
- **EDBD** offers great musical, story-telling, and recreational entertainment
- **EDBD** has good food

For over 30 years, Earth Day events in this country have been educating people of all ages and raising their environmental awareness. We hope you will join with our fellow Coastal Bend leaders who have committed to support **EDBD**.

The Coastal Bend Bays Foundation (CBBF) is a membership-based non-profit [501(c)(3)] public interest organization proudly serving Coastal Bend residents *since 1991*. The CBBF is dedicated to the conservation of freshwater and coastal natural resources for current and future generations through consensus, facilitation, communication, advocacy, research and education. The CBBF serves the 12 counties of the Coastal Bend Region including: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio.

Earth Day-Bay Day Year	Location	Number of Visitors	*Number of Exhibitors	**Funding
1999	Hans and Pat Suter Park	200	3	\$ 5,000
2000	Hazel Bazemore Park	1,300	20	\$ 10,500
2001	Blucher Park	2,100	30	\$ 12,500
2002	Hazel Bazemore Park	3,800	42	\$ 15,000
2003	Hazel Bazemore Park	4,000	45	\$ 18,000
2004	Naval Air Station Corpus Christi	10,000 plus	85	\$ 21,000
2005	Cole Park	10,000 plus	85	\$ 17,000
2006	Cole Park	15,000 plus	45	\$ 38,000
2007	Cole Park	15,000 plus	68	\$ 38,000

\* Number of Exhibitors is based on registered participants \*\* Funding is based on Sponsorships

Earth Day-Bay Day is a project of the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation (CBBF) and the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP).

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