

A Letter From Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

As the new Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office (GLO), it is an honor to oversee the GLO's Adopt-A-Beach program. Growing up near Galveston, I am overjoyed to be participating in the programs that help preserve our state's coastline. On April 11th, I will be announcing the winners and grand prize winner of the 2023 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. I will also be participating in this year's Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup on April 22nd. The best way to help secure the future of Texas' beautiful beaches is by getting involved with our coastal communities.

The Adopt-A-Beach program has helped ensure our coasts remain nurtured and maintained — by educating our children about the importance of trash-free beaches, providing us with an easy way to help clean the beaches our families enjoy, and more.

I will always fight for a balance between responsible stewardship of our coastline and utilizing the bountiful resources the Lone Star State has to offer. Thank you all for being a part of the Adopt-A-Beach program and helping ensure a brighter future for Texas beaches!



For Texas,
Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.

Spring Cleanup

Make plans to join us on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd for our Spring Coastwide Cleanup! Online registration is open at texasadoptabeach.org and we recommend pre-registering your group so you can stay informed in case any changes are made to your check-in location. We clean rain or shine, but we will not send volunteers out if the location is deemed unsafe. This includes if the area becomes inaccessible due to flooding or storm damage, or severe thunderstorms. Please pay close attention to the weather on cleanup day!

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. to noon



Don't Forget!

Download the CleanSwell App so you
can track the kinds of trash you find!



Spring Cleanup Check-in Locations

1. Sea Rim State Park Jefferson County

Check-in: Park entrance, 10 miles west of Sabine Pass on Highway 87 South

Contact: Madeline Martin 409-971-2559
madeline.martin@texasadoptabeach.org

2. Bolivar Peninsula Galveston County

Check-in: On the beach at the end of Crystal Beach Road, approximately 11 miles from the ferry landing

Contact: Brenda Flanagan 409-291-9092
brenda.flanagan@texasadoptabeach.org

3. Galveston Island Galveston County

Check-in: Menard Park, 2222 28th Street, on the Seawall

Contact: Sheryl Rozier
sheryl.rozier@texasadoptabeach.org

4. Surfside Brazoria County

Check-in: Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway

Contact: Mike Mullenweg 979-864-1152
mike.mullenweg@texasadoptabeach.org

5. Quintana Brazoria County

Check-in: Quintana Beach County Park, 330 5th Street

Contact: Patty Brinkmeyer 979-233-1461
patty.brinkmeyer@texasadoptabeach.org

6. Sargent Beach/County Park Matagorda County

Check-in: End FM 457 at the County Park (Canal Drive)

Contact: David DuPont 713-956-5240
david.dupont@texasadoptabeach.org
Gracie DuPont 832-248-3554
gracie.dupont@texasadoptabeach.org
Brian King 713-956-5240
brian.king@texasadoptabeach.org

7. Matagorda Beach Matagorda County

Check-in: Matagorda Jetty Park

Contact: James "Cinco" Davant
james.davant@texasadoptabeach.org

8. Palacios Matagorda County

Check-in: South Bay Marina on South Bay Blvd.

Contact: Diane Smith 915-503-3909
diane.smith@texasadoptabeach.org
Darlene Faldyn 361-765-0592
darlene.faldyn@texasadoptabeach.org
Hilde Sanders 512-718-6153
hilde.sanders@texasadoptabeach.org

9. Magnolia Beach Calhoun County

Check-in: Crabbin' Bridge

Contact: RJ Shelly 361-552-9747
rj.shelly@texasadoptabeach.org

10. Boggy Nature Park Port O'Connor

Calhoun County

Check-in: At the birding observation deck

Contact: Alexa Nichols 361-573-2428
alexa.nichols@texasadoptabeach.org

11. King Fisher Beach, Port O'Connor Calhoun County

Check-in: Pavilion at King Fisher Beach

Contact: Roxanne Ochoa 361-746-4965
roxanne.ochoa@texasadoptabeach.org

12. Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay Aransas County

Check-in: Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Highway 361

Contact: Richard Gonzales 361-779-7351
richard.gonzales@texasadoptabeach.org

13. Portland San Patricio County

Check-in: Sunset Lake Park, 201 Sunset Drive, adjacent to Hwy 181

Contact: Kristin Connor 361-777-4670
kristin.connor@texasadoptabeach.org

14. North Beach, Corpus Christi Nueces County

Check-in: Texas State Aquarium parking lot, 2710 North Shoreline Boulevard

Contact: Nicole Gaertner
nicole.gaertner@texasadoptabeach.org

15. Cole Park Nueces County

Check-in: 1526 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi

Contact: Eric Jaramillo
eric.jaramillo@texasadoptabeach.org

16. Port Aransas
Nueces County

Check-in: End of Avenue G on the beach

Contact: Marsha Dayon
marsha.dayon@texasadoptabeach.org

17. Mustang Island State Park,
Corpus Christi

Nueces County

Check-in: Park Headquarters Parking Lot, 17047 State Highway 361

Contact: Eric Ehrlich 361-749-5246
eric.ehrlich@texasadoptabeach.org

18. Packery Flats
Nueces County

Check-in: Parking lot off Hwy 361, on Mustang Island near Packery Channel

Contact: Jace Tunnell 361-882-3439
jace.tunnell@texasadoptabeach.org

19. North Padre Island,
Corpus Christi
Nueces County

Check-in: Padre Balli Park Office, 15820 Park Road 22

Contact: John Vaughn 361-779-0477
john.vaughn@texasadoptabeach.org

Jim Needham – Surfrider Foundation
james.needham@texasadoptabeach.org

20. Padre Island National Seashore
Kleberg County

Check-in: Malaquite Visitor Center, 20420 Park Road 22

Contact: Kelly Taylor 361-446-9074
kelly.taylor@texasadoptabeach.org

21. Baffin Bay/Riviera Beach
Kleberg County

Check-in: Kaufer-Hubert Park, FM 628

Contact: Letty Couch 361-522-9861
letty.couch@texasadoptabeach.org

Victor Baldovinos 956-761-8123
victor.baldovinos@texasadoptabeach.org

22. Laguna Point Park/Port Mansfield

Willacy County

Check-in: 1238 South Port Drive

Contact: Jessica Rodriguez 956-232-1327
jessica.rodriguez@texasadoptabeach.org

23. South Padre Island
City Beach
Cameron County

Check-in: City Access Point #11 on Gulf Blvd., between Bahama and Atol Streets

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angie.cantu@texasadoptabeach.org

Victor Baldovinos 956-761-8123
victor.baldovinos@texasadoptabeach.org

24. South Padre Island/
Andy Bowie Park
Cameron County

Check-in: 7300 State Park Road 100, at Access Road 2

Contact: Blanca Macias 956-761-5494
Blanca.macias@texasadoptabeach.org
Edgar Yada 956-761-3700

25. Boca Chica
Cameron County

Check-in: End of Highway 4 on the beach

Contact: Fernando Ramirez 956-459-9611
fernando.ramirez@texasadoptabeach.org

Pati Matamoras
Pati.matamoras@texasadoptabeach.org

Please help us
thank our hotel
sponsors:

The hotels listed below have graciously offered discounted rates to Adopt-A-Beach volunteers during the cleanup weekend.

Galveston Island

Clarion Pointe Hotel
409-750-9192

Corpus Christi

DoubleTree by Hilton
361-883-9700

South Padre Island

Courtyard Marriott
956-433-0590

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Winter Cleanup Recap

Today, Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced that more than 400 volunteers participated in the 2023 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups and removed a total of 12,922 pounds of trash from seven sites during the two-day event on South Padre and across the Coastal Bend.

“It is truly inspiring to see hundreds of volunteers take time out of their weekend to help give back to Texas beaches,” said Commissioner Buckingham. “Preserving our state’s coastline for future generations of Texans and their families to enjoy is paramount. I look forward to ensuring our beautiful shores are well maintained through the continued success of the Adopt-A-Beach program.”

The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 563,000 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up nearly 10,000 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

The next coastwide cleanup is scheduled for April 22, 2023. Those interested in volunteering can find more information at TexasAdoptABeach.org and are encouraged to participate in a day filled with fun and giving back to coastal communities.

This year’s state sponsors included the U.S. Department of

Commerce’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Valero, the Texas Coastal Management Program, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, Flint Hills Resources, Gulf Copper, Cheniere, Ocean Conservancy, Altos Planos Mijenta Tequila, and ATX Solar.



Students in Corpus helped clean Cole Park on the bayfront.

Get the Adopt-A-Beach License Plate!



The Texas General Land specialty license plate design features a photo by Texas’ own Kenny Braun. Braun’s work has been featured in Garden and Gun, Texas Monthly, Wired, Southern Living, Texas Highways, This Old House Magazine and more.

The plates are available to purchase for \$30 in addition to your annual registration fee, with \$22 of that donated to the Adopt-A-Beach program’s all-volunteer effort to keep trash off Texas beaches.

The license plate was designed by the Texas General Land Office in coordination with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. To order a specialty Adopt-A-Beach license plate and get yours, visit texasadoptabeach.org/contribute/license-plates/

April is Rip Current Awareness Month!

Unlike a pool, the ocean has no boundaries and water conditions can be unpredictable from day to day. Rip currents are powerful, channeled currents of water that flow away from the shore. They typically extend from the shoreline through the surf zone and past the line of breaking waves. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves and commonly form around breaks in sandbars or near structures, such as jetties and piers.

Although estimates vary, rip currents are responsible for roughly 100 deaths every year in the United States and account for over 80 percent of rescues performed by surf beach lifeguards, according to the United States Lifesaving Association. There are several clues that can help with spotting a rip current from the beach, including:

- A narrow gap of darker colored water between breaking waves
- A line of foam, seaweed, or debris moving out toward the sea
- A channel of churning, choppy water present

You can protect yourself and others from being caught in a rip current by always staying in an area protected by lifeguards, learning to identify potential areas for rip currents, and taking time to evaluate the water before entering.



Remember these steps if you are caught in a rip current



• **Don't panic**, and remember to float, don't fight. Rip currents do not pull you under the water, so avoid fighting the current to save energy needed for escape.



• **Do not swim against the current.** Instead, if able, swim in a direction along the shoreline or toward breaking waves to escape the current.



• If you feel you are unable to reach the shore or escape the rip current, **draw attention to yourself.** If you need help, yell and wave for assistance.

Learn more about rip currents and the steps you can take to beach safely at:
www.beachsafely.org or ocean today.noaa.gov/every-full-moon/full-moon-wavesafe.

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THANK YOU BEACH ADOPTERS!

To see a map of Beach Adopters, visit our website at TexasAdoptABeach.org and go to the Volunteers tab.

THANK YOU to all of
our State Employee
Charitable Campaign
(SECC) donors! Our
code for the is
500000.

GALVESTON COUNTY

The Savoie Family and the Beach Pub - Mooner Beach, San Leon
The Heathen Sisterhood - Bolivar: Mabry Street to the east one mile (Gilchrist)
Marshall's Happily Ever After - Bolivar: Waco Street to Rollover Pass
The Welty Family - Bolivar: Ramada Beach beginning at Nassau Rd
The Shark Research Institute - Bolivar: Tidelands Subdivision beach area
The Raymond and Rosemary Clement Family - Bolivar: Gulf-Holiday St. to the East one mile
My Sweet Caboose - Bolivar: Clara Street area
The Hammer Family - Bolivar: Center Road to Beaumont Drive
Essence of Abha, LLC - Bolivar: Crystal Beach area
Victoria & Dominick - Bolivar: Gulf Shores Drive to Driftwood Drive
East Houston Jeepers - Bolivar: Monkhouse Road to Mr. G Street
RE/MAX On The Water - Bolivar: Sandollar Road to the west one mile (Emerald II to West Lane)
Over the Rainbow Beach House - Barrel 59-60 Crystal Beach
Ryleigh Burns - Melody Lane to Alma Street
Crenshaw School of Environmental Science - Bolivar: Helen Road to Boyt Drive
Remembering Wyatt Dale Water Safety - Bolivar: Boyt Drive area
Beach Busters - Bolivar: Magnolia Lane to the west one mile
The Benoit Family / In Memory of D'Ryan Green - Bolivar: Barrels 8-23
Ecosystem Planning & Restoration - Bolivar ferry landing area
TAMU-Galveston The Big Event - (Bayside) Pelican Island Harborside
Sir Michael Chappell & Family (Z-Krewe Galveston member) - Pelican Island NW of causeway
USCG Enlisted Association Lone Star Branch - Galveston USCG Base & surrounding area
ExxonMobil Employees - Boddecker Road area
Manny & Christina Alaniz - Beachfront along Boddecker Road
LyondellBasell - Appfel Park/ East Beach
US Coast Guard ESD Houston/Galveston - East Beach
Stacy's Vilmaris Crew - 9th - 17th Streets
Miltons Bells - 18th Street Galveston to the west
The Girl Scouts of Tall Pines Hill - Beachfront at Hotel Galvez - 20th Street Area
Hotel Galvez & Spa - 20th Street area
Daryl's Place - 25th Street - 35th Street
Organized Chaos by Brenda - Pleasure Pier beach area
Gateway Mortgage Group - 25th - 27th Streets
Mermaid Vanessa - 28th - 35th Streets
Gulf Coast Watersports - 29th Street area, Seawall
Congregation Bnai Israel - 29th - 30 th Streets
Jack Johnson Beach Cleanup - 40th Street area
Ball High School - Army JROTC - 39th to 45th Streets
Oppe Elementary Campus of Coastal Studies - 45th to 61st Street
Galveston Golf Cart Society - 45th to 61st Street
Triad Marine - 45th to 61st Street
Southern Spears Surf Shop - 61st. Pier (pier area only)
Dohman Specialties - 61st Street Pier and the West One Mile
Matthew Maurins & Family - 61st Street Pier and the West One Mile
Wei-Chen 'Miso' Lee - 69th - 90th Street
West Virginia University Alumni Lone Star Chapter - Frank Carmona - Beach Pocket Park #2
Holiday Inn Club Vacations Galveston Beach Resort - Frank Carmona - Beach Pocket Park #2
Hoofprints and Memories - 7 1/2 Mile Road - just east of Woody's Bar & Grill
FUGRO - Sunny Beach -8 Mile Road

Crystal & Ali - 8 Mile Road area
WMS Student Council - 8 Mile Road area
College of the Mainland (COM) Biology Club - (Bayside) End of Sportsman Road - 8 Mile Road Area
Miller Higgins Family - Spanish Grant Subdivision (Ventura to Pabst)
Davis Family Group - Bermuda Beach
Cypress Fair High School Air Force JROTC - Hershey Beach
Moody Gardens - Bermuda Beach
Texas Gas Service - 11 Mile Road to Campeche Court (Pirate's Beach)
Stargazers Girl Scout Community - 11 Mile Road, Pocket Park #3
Jane Donnelly Crew - 11 Mile Road area
Ladies of Integrity - 11 Mile Road area
University of Miami Houston Canes Community - 13 Mile Road to the east one mile
NCL Bay Area - East half of GISP
Kevin & Kate Brown - 13 Mile Road area
I Neglect Inc. - Jamaica Beach
HPE OEM Team - Jamaica Beach
National Ocean Policy Coalition - 16 Mile Road area
The Banff School National Honor Society - 16 Mile Road area
Njord Running - Half Moon Beach

HARRIS COUNTY

La Porte High School Interact Club - Seabreeze Park, La Porte

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Alpha Phi Omega Metropolitan Houston - Mile Marker 0
Lone-Star Roof Systems - Mile Marker 0
Leave Your Printe Behind - Mile Markers 1 & 2
Kuehne+Nagel Houston - Mile Marker 2
Beachy Clean - Mile Marker 3
4A Energy Advisors, LLC - Mile Marker 3
Ocean Sierra, LLC - Mile Marker 3
Devin n Deb - Mile Marker 4
SeaSide Mermaids - Mile Marker 9
A Long Long Way to GO - Mile Marker 9
Bill Mullenweg Memorial Beach Cleanup - Mile Marker 10
Employees of Brazoria County Pct. 1 - Mile Marker 11
Quarantine Fishing Team - Mile Marker 11
BASF Corporation - Mile Marker 12
Surfrider Foundation Texas Upper Coast Chapter
Arechigas - Mile Marker 17 Quintana Beach
Raven Moon - Bryan Beach, CR 1495
Salvex, Inc. - Beachfront SW of Cedar Lake, San Bernard Wildlife Refuge

MATAGORDA COUNTY

Texas ChalleNGe Academy - Matagorda Beach; Jetty Park to the east one mile
Tropical Maniacs of Matagorda - Matagorda Beach
Westwood Inn - Matagorda Beach
SOS Financial Solutions - Beach Road to the west
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto - Beach Access Road to 3 Mile Cut
SaveABeach - Washout at 28.6119351, -95.9400560
Texas Girls - Palacios Bay
Phillips 66 Company - Sargent Beach at Highway 457, Bay City
Marblestone Family & Friends - one mile west of FM 457 bridge

CALHOUN COUNTY

Ken and Cindy Haenel - Sunday Beach, Mad Island Wildlife Management Area
The Hubenak Family - Port Alto Beach
Hope High School Environmental Club - One Mile of Shoreline near the Causeway or East Side of SH 35 in Point Comfort
Victoria Electric Cooperative, Inc. - Boggy Nature Park, Port O'Connor
In Honor of Mitchell Edwards, III - Magnolia Beach
Magnolia Beach Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary - Magnolia Beach

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

City of Portland

ARANSAS COUNTY

Fulton's Reel Beachy Crew - Rockport Beach
voestalpine Texas, LLC - Indian Point Park

NUECES COUNTY

Bahr Marine Ecology Lab - Beachfront at TAMU-CC campus
Tuloso-Midway Navy Junior ROTC - (Bayside) North Beach at Birding Platform, under JFK Causeway
La Regia and the Musketeers - North Beach at Texas State Aquarium
Guanajuato - (Bayside) North Beach, Surfside Park to USS Lexington
North Beach Responsible Business - (Bayside) North Beach, from Burleson Park to Dolphin Park
Mary Carroll High School Navy JROTC - Cole Park
CHS Spanish National Honor Society - North Beach
Nueces Electric Cooperative - Riviera Beach, Baffin Bay
Keep Port Aransas Beautiful - Port Aransas: San Jose Island
Tribe Vibe - Port Aransas: St Jo's Island
Kathy & Stan Novey - Port Aransas: Mile Markers 18-19
Darkside Jeepers - Port Aransas: Access Road 1 area
Mrs. Guerra Jordan Jag - Port Aransas: Sandcastle Drive to Access Road 1-A
Enbridge, Inc. - Port Aransas, Access Road 1-A area
GLO Employees - Mile Markers 89-99, Access Road 2
EOG Resources, Inc. - Access Road 2 to the north
Beach Keepers - MISP, from north entrance to the jetty
Randy & Dawn Bissell - Mustang Island State Park
Good Samaritan San Antonio YAC - Mustang Island State Park
Tidal Weights - Mustang Island State Park
Disney Streaming: The Cuppa Joes - Mustang Island State Park
CoffeeSock - Newport Pass Road (MM 196) to Access Road 3, Mustang Island State Park and Packery Flats
Beach Keepers - Newport Pass Road to Access Road 3 pylons
Coastal Bend Bays Foundation - Packery Flats near Packery Channel
Texas State Aquarium Aquateens - Packery Channel Park
Lazy Beach Brewing - JP Luby Beach Park
The Martins - JP Luby Park
Beach Bums for Life - South Packery Channel from Condos to Jetties
Weichert Realtors - The Place of Houses - Whitecap Beach
The Moody Family - White Cap Blvd to St. Augustine Dr.
Barolin Hinojosa Family - Bob Hall Pier area
Cleanunity - Bob Hall Pier to Mile Marker 234
Sea Pines Beach Cleanup Crew - Access Road 6 area
Benjamin's Surf & Skate - Mile Markers 242-252, south of Bob Hall Pier
Third Coast Cleaning - Mile Marker 235

WILLACY COUNTY

The Jones Family - Mile Marker 236- Mile Marker 253
Burners Without Borders Corpus Christi - Mile Markers 232-302, Bob Hall Pier to PINS
Carmen Gonzales - Padre Island National Seashore
ABC Home & Commercial Services - Padre Island National Seashore
Mama's Fantastic 4 - Port Mansfield East Cut, Miles 12 - 24
Willacy County Homeschoolers - Port Mansfield

CAMERON COUNTY

Party Padre Rentals - Access Road 6 to the north two miles
ENGAGE - RGV Meetups for Homeschoolers - Access Road 6
Raul & Elizabeth Beachfront - Access Road 5 area
Ruben & Aida's Beachfront - Access Road 5 area
Garver, LLC - Access Road 3 area
UTRGV Athletics - Access Road 3 area
UTRGV Coastal Studies Lab - Access Road #3 to Clayton's Beach Bar (Andy Bowie Park)
KCI Technologies - Access Road #2 (Andy Bowie Park)
Saint Joseph Academy - Access Road #2 (Andy Bowie Park)
Save the Animals - City Access #23 - Sapphire @ East Palmetto Drive
City of South Padre Island & Keep South Padre Island Beautiful - South Padre Island City Beach Access #3
Kappa Sigma Fraternity - Palm Street to Isla Blanca Park
Friends of Isla Blanca - Isla Blanca Park, jetties to the north one mile
The Dovalina Family - Isla Blanca Park
Visit Boca Chica - Boca Chica Beach
SpaceX - Boca Chica Beach
GreenZone Enterprises - Boca Chica Beach
TORITOS - Boca Chica Beach



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Many employers offer charitable matching gifts programs for their employees. This means they will either match a charitable donation made by one of their employees, or they will make a donation to a charity where their employees volunteer. Check with your Human Resources department! Your donation to Texas Adopt-A-Beach may be tax deductible - check with your tax advisor.