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Earth Day-Bay Day
FREE Family Outdoor Festival at NASCC

Corpus Christi, April 8, 2004 – The whole family will have loads of action-packed fun at the 2004 ***Earth Day-Bay Day*** celebration! Start the day off with a 4.4-mile race on Sunset Beach, then take a *"Walk Through the Wetlands,"* or kayak on beautiful Corpus Christi Bay. Stroll through the Texas Zoo traveling exhibit, and learn about native birds, reptiles and mammals. Then challenge yourself on the 32-foot *Rock Climbing Wall.* ***Earth Day-Bay Day*** provides a unique opportunity for citizens to learn about our bays and estuaries, wetlands, native plants and animals, recycling, conservation and other environmental issues. Everyone is invited to come out on **Saturday, April 17, 2004** from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at **Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (North Gate/Ocean Drive entrance).** ***Earth Day-Bay Day*** *is* ***FREE*** to the public. For more information and entrance guidelines to NAS Corpus Christi visit www.baysfoundation.org.

The newest exhibits this year are sure to be a big hit – kite surfing, disk golf, kite flying, sailing, and much more. Special performances by *Patriot's Band*, *Rocky Benton, Flour Bluff NJROTC Drill Team, In Mint Condition, Dicky Neely Blues Band and Texas Gypsies* are sure to get your toes tapping while eating some delicious food. You'll hear from top experts about the importance of water and energy conservation, protecting our natural resources, recycling and how you can start backyard composting. Over 91 exhibitors will have something to offer the outdoor enthusiasts. You don't want to miss the most exciting and adventurous event of the year – ***Earth Day-Bay Day*** and it's FREE!

Exhibitor booths are also available for the promotion of educational exhibits, organizations or environmentally safe products. Individuals or corporations interested in volunteering are currently being recruited. For more information visit www.baysfoundation.org or contact Teresa Carrillo at 361-882-3439 or by e-mail at teresa.carrillo@baysfoundation.org.

Earth Day-Bay Day is an important education and outreach festival ***FREE*** for Coastal Bend residents. This event offers the entire family a chance to enjoy all that nature has to offer while being environmentally responsible, not just on Earth Day, but everyday! ***Earth Day-Bay Day*** is a project of the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation in partnership with the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program.

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