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Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program to host Adventure Bay at Indian Point Pier

Coastal Bend Area Teachers to explore local ecology.

- WHO:** Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP)
Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest
Texas State Aquarium
Center for Coastal Studies - Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC)
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
- WHEN:** Friday, October 27, 2006
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** Indian Point Pier off of Hwy. 181 (Take the Indian Point exit and follow the road to the pier)
- WHAT:** The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP), along with its committed partners, will be hosting over 35 Coastal Bend area teachers in an in-service training called **“Adventure Bay at Indian Point Pier” on Friday, October 27, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Teachers from Ray High School and elementary schools including Fannin, Zavala, Blanche Moore, Crockett, Rose Shaw, and St. Mary’s (Beeville) will be charged with the adventure of being science students for a day as they explore the many wonders of the estuaries.
- In the morning session, teachers will probe into *Sechi Plate Discovery*, *Gyotaku Impressions*, *Adaptations Galore*, and *Benthic Organisms*. Teachers will be assembled into four groups that will rotate every thirty minutes to a new adventure station. They’ll be participating in activities that will explore and document such things as turbidity of water, air and water temperature, pH of seawater, bird identification, and shell identification. The goal of this in-service training is to coach teachers in “hands-on”, field related experiences on the local ecology of the estuaries and at the same time correlate it to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) objectives that teachers must implement into the classroom. This opportunity promotes the value and importance of the estuaries by providing first-hand knowledge to teachers about the complexities of nature as they enjoy the environment that surrounds them. The afternoon session will take the teachers to TAMU-CC for more science pedagogy and instruction on how to plan their own **“Adventure Bay at Indian Point Pier”** with their students.
- VISUALS:** Teachers in action: gathering data, measuring, identifying, seining, core sampling and more!

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