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Earth Day-Bay Day!

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Protecting Our Bays and Estuaries

News Release

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Corpus Christi, Texas, March 22, 2007 – **Earth Day-Bay Day** is an important education and outreach festival **FREE** for Coastal Bend residents. This is the 9th year the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation has organized this event to promote and encourage citizens to learn about the bays and estuaries, wetlands, native plants and animals, recycling, conservation and other environmental issues. **Earth Day-Bay Day is Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Cole Park in Corpus Christi, Texas.** New this year, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will provide free shuttle service between Memorial Coliseum and Cole Park throughout the day.

Earth Day-Bay Day Committee Members are as follows:

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| Honorary Chair: | Pat Suter, Sierra Club |
| Event Chair & Sponsorships: | Lois Huff, Coastal Bend Bays Foundation |
| Marketing & Publicity Chair: | Monika K. De La Garza, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program |
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| Educational Coordination & Survey: | Jennifer McClaren, Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest,
David Potter, Sustainable Energy |
| Poster: | Agnes Hamilton, Artist and Art Committee |
| Exhibitors & Vendors | Larisa Ford, Karen Langlois |
| Recycling: | Paul Bass, City of Corpus Christi |
| Signage: | Larisa Ford, U.S. Fish & Wildlife |
| Logistics: | Agnes Hamilton, Crosstown Kiwanis; Jason Jett, Nueces County Attorney's Office |
| Poster Distribution: | Linda Price May, TAMUCC Wildlife Conservation & Rehabilitation Club;
Candace Mottet, Coastal Bend Bays Foundation |
| T-Shirts: | Tami Galloway, City of Corpus Christi |
| Regional Displays & Events: | Candice Mottet, Coastal Bend Bays Foundation,
Richard Gonzales, Science & Spanish Club Network |
| Information Booth: | Vicki Harraghy, Texas Excursions |
| Pre-Event Social: | Pat Suter, Jennifer McClaren, Kenn Jobe |
| First Aid | Mary Welch, Christus Spohn |
| For more information: | Call Lois Huff 361-882-3439 or www.baysfoundation.org |

Earth Day-Bay Day goals are:

1. **Education** – Educate the public about bays, estuaries, other native habitats, and the importance of clean air, clean water, and a clean environment.
2. **Conservation** – Urge citizens to become pro-active in their day-to-day lives by recycling, composting, and conserving energy, water, and other resources.
3. **Habitat Protection** – Encourage protection of native habitats (such as seagrasses) by encouraging low- to no-impact outdoor activities such as kayaking, windsurfing, birding, fly-fishing, gardening, and hiking.
4. **Participation** – Encourage our visitors to become active in local groups, such as the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Beautify Corpus Christi, Coastal Bend Bays Foundation, Sierra Club, and the Surfrider Foundation.

Earth Day-Bay Day 2007 sponsors are the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (top sponsor), Rotary Club of Corpus Christi Harvey Weil Sportsman Conservationist Award Trust, Agnes Hamilton (*2007 EDBD Artist*), Cheniere LNG, Inc., Environmental Defense, Flint Hills Resources, H-E-B, Lyondell Chemical Company, Port of Corpus Christi Authority, The Trull Foundation, Coastal Bend Sierra Club, King Ranch, Nueces River Authority, San Patricio Municipal Water District, Robert Corrigan, and Glenn Martin. In-kind sponsors are the Art Center of Corpus Christi, Everest Water Company, Jezebel's at the Art Center, Naismith Engineering, Pro Fire Protection, Regional Transportation Authority, and Ridgway's.

To participate as a sponsor, "Earth-Friendly" exhibitor or volunteer for **Earth Day-Bay Day**, please visit www.baysfoundation.org or call 361-882-3439.

Earth Day-Bay Day is a project of the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation in partnership with the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program.

Earth Day-Bay Day - Clean Water is Vital To Survival!