

News Release

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Banquete Boy Scouts Team Up with Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program for Bird Nest Box Project

- Who:** Steven Karabanoff and Michael Luna, Troop 54, Banquete Boy Scouts
- What:** Steven and Michael have custom built 16 nest boxes for three different species of birds. The boys, equipped with ladders and volunteers, will install the finished nest boxes atop tall poles at the Nueces Delta Preserve this Saturday.
- When:** Saturday, May 19th, 2007, 10:30 am
- Where:** Nueces Delta Preserve, 2 miles S of Odem on Hwy 77. From Corpus Christi take Hwy 77 North. The Nueces Delta Preserve gate is located immediately past Gatz Rock Yard and Innovative Construction on the right. The actual physical address to the Nueces Delta Preserve is : 3410 Hwy 77. Odem, TX 78370
- Contact:** Monika K. De La Garza, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program Cell: 361-946-6077
Tom Skoruppa, Scout Leader Cell: 361-215-3085
- Why:** Loss of habitat from development can make it hard for birds to find good nest sites this time of year. However, the Nueces Delta Preserve, managed by the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, is charged with the mission of conserving wildlife and habitats in the Coastal Bend. To help further this mission, Steven Karabanoff has constructed 4 nest boxes for Eastern Screech-Owls and 4 nest boxes for Barn Owls to be placed at the preserve. Michael Luna has constructed 8 nest boxes for Black-bellied Whistling Ducks to be placed along freshwater wetlands in the preserve. All 16 nest boxes will be permanently installed this Saturday and is the first project of its kind at the Nueces Delta Preserve. The service projects are part of Steven and Michael's requirement for the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting.

Directions to the *Nueces Delta Preserve*

Directions to the *Nueces Delta Preserve* from Corpus Christi:

Take I-37 North. Turn right at exit # 17 onto Hwy. 77. Go East on Hwy. 77 a few miles, and when you see the gate marked "McGregor Ranch" take a right and drive into the property. The gate will be open and a CBBEP representative will be looking for you. For more information, contact Monika De La Garza at 361-946-6077 (cell).

