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# **Earth Day-Bay Day!** **Free Family Fun!**



Protecting Our Bays and Estuaries

## **News Release**

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Corpus Christi, Texas, March 24, 2008 – **Earth Day-Bay Day** is an important education and outreach festival **FREE** for Coastal Bend residents. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 19, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at **Cole Park in Corpus Christi, Texas.** “Earth Friendly” sponsors, exhibitors and vendors are still being recruited. Please call the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation at 361-882-3439 or log on to [www.coastalbendbaysfoundation.org](http://www.coastalbendbaysfoundation.org) for more information.

### **Earth Day-Bay Day** Committee Members are as follows:

2008 Honorary Chair:	Reverend Rachel Whitefield Wilken
2008 Artist & Poster:	Ron & Aurora Stephenson
Event Chair & Sponsorships:	Lois Huff -Coastal Bend Bays Foundation
Marketing & Publicity Chair:	Monika K. De La Garza - Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program
Exhibitors, Vendors & Volunteers	Candice Mottet - Coastal Bend Bays Foundation
Entertainment Chair:	Yvonne Martin
Art Contest, Educational Coordination, & Survey:	Sandra Montgomery - Windsor Park PTA Environmental Committee, Beatriz Baker, Jennifer McClaren - Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest, David Potter - Sustainable Energy
Recycling:	Paul Bass - City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Services Lawrence Mikolajczyk - City of Corpus Christi Solid Waste Services
Signage:	Rey Juarez & Larisa Ford - U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Logistics:	Agnes Hamilton - Crosstown Kiwanis
Information Booth:	Vicki Harraghy - Texas Excursions
Pre-Event Social:	Pat Suter – Coastal Bend Sierra Club & Jennifer McClaren
First Aid	Mary Welch - Christus Spohn
Earth Day-Bay Day Volunteers:	Greg Hartman – Sunny Beaches, Yolanda Maruffo – City of Corpus Christi Water Department, Rebecca Martinez – Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Linda Price-May – Wildlife Conservation & Rehabilitation Club, Peggy Sumner – City of Corpus Christi Storm Water & Sam Torres – Corpus Christi Sharks

**For more event information:** Call Lois Huff 361-882-3439 or [www.baysfoundation.org](http://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** 2008 sponsors are Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (Top Sponsor), Valero Bill Greehey Refinery, Saltwater-Fisheries Enhancement Association, Ron & Aurora Stephenson (2008 *EDBD Artist*), Cheniere LNG, Inc., City of Corpus Christi Storm Water Department, Flint Hills Resources, HEB – Gulf Coast Region, LyondellBasell, Port of Corpus Christi Authority, PPM Energy, City of Corpus Christi Water Department, Coastal Bend Sierra Club, Corrigan Benefits, LLP., and San Patricio Municipal Water District. T-shirt sponsors are Corpus Christi Sharks, and Citgo. Individual sponsors are CP&L Retail Energy, Commissioner Jerry Patterson, John Adams, State Representative Abel Herrero and Woody's Sports Center. In-kind sponsors are Everest Water Company, Mathieu Electric Company, and Ridgway's.

**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! – “Enjoying Our Bays And Habitats, Now and Forever!”**

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