



## Watch Out for Rip Currents!

April in Texas is Rip Current Awareness Month. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves, and they account for more than 80% of rescues performed by surf beach lifeguards nationwide. These currents are powerful, channeled currents of water flowing away from shore that can pull even the strongest swimmers out to sea.

As waves roll toward shore and over sandbars, a pressure gradient is created due to the changing water levels between the sand bars and the channels alongside them. Sometimes you can spot a rip current because it can look darker than surrounding waters. They are areas where waves do not break, but with breaking waves on either side. You can sometimes see water, or seaweed, moving away from the beach in a channel between the breaking waves.

### If you are caught in a rip current, here are some safety tips (from NOAA):

- Remain calm to conserve energy and think clearly. Rip currents do not pull people under water, they pull them away from shore.
- Never fight against the current.
- Think of it as a treadmill that can't be turned off, which you need to step to the side of.
- Swim out of the current in a direction following parallel to the shoreline.
- If you are unable to swim out of a rip current, float or calmly tread water. When out of the current, swim toward shore.
- If you are still unable to reach the shore, draw attention to yourself by waving your arm and yelling for help.

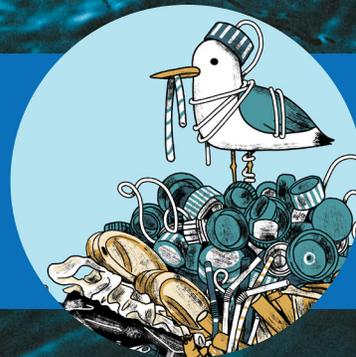
### If you see someone in trouble, get help from a lifeguard and throw the victim something that floats. Many people drown while trying to save someone else from a rip current.

Most beaches have a flag warning system that warns swimmers of rip currents in the area. A green flag (low risk) indicates that strong rip currents are not likely. A yellow flag (moderate risk) means that there is a good chance for strong rip currents and a red flag (high risk) signals that strong rip currents are expected. Check the beach warning flags every time you go to the beach and be Rip Current Aware!

Information compiled from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States Lifesaving Association, and the Weather Channel.

## Save the Date!

The Spring Cleanup is  
Saturday, April 20, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to noon



**Don't Forget!**

Download the CleanSwell App so you can track the kinds of trash you find!



# Spring Cleanup Check-in Locations

Make plans to join us on, Saturday, April 20th for our Spring Coastwide Cleanup! Online registration is open and we recommend pre-registering your group so you can stay informed in case any changes are made to your check-in location. We clean rain or shine, but we will not send volunteers out if the location is deemed unsafe. This includes if the area becomes inaccessible due to flooding or storm damage, or severe thunderstorms. Please pay close attention to the weather on cleanup day!

## 1. Sea Rim State Park Jefferson County

**Check-in:** Park entrance, 10 miles west of Sabine Pass on Highway 87 South

**Contact:** Madeline Martin 409-971-2559  
madeline.martin@texasadoptabeach.org

## 2. Bolivar Peninsula Galveston County

**Check-in:** On the beach at the end of Crystal Beach Road, approximately 11 miles from the ferry landing

**Contact:** Brenda Flanagan 409-291-9092  
brenda.flanagan@texasadoptabeach.org

## 3. Galveston Island Galveston County

**Check-in:** Menard Park, 2222 28th Street, on the Seawall

**Contact:** Sheryl Rozier  
sheryl.rozier@texasadoptabeach.org

## 4. Surfside Brazoria County

**Check-in:** Jetty Park, 101 Parkview Road

**Contact:** Nathan Murphy 979-864-1541  
nathan.murphy@texasadoptabeach.org

## 5. Quintana Brazoria County

**Check-in:** Quintana Beach County Park, 330 5th Street

**Contact:** Patty Brinkmeyer 979-233-1461  
patty.brinkmeyer@texasadoptabeach.org

## 6. Sargent Beach/County Park Matagorda County

**Check-in:** End FM 457 at the County Park (Canal Drive)

**Contact:** David DuPont 713-956-5240  
david.dupont@texasadoptabeach.org  
Jeremy Johnson 832-833-3391  
Brian King 713-956-5240  
brian.king@texasadoptabeach.org

## 7. Matagorda Beach Matagorda County

**Check-in:** Matagorda Jetty Park

**Contact:** James "Cinco" Davant  
james.davant@texasadoptabeach.org

## 8. Palacios Matagorda County

**Check-in:** South Bay Marina on South Bay Blvd.

**Contact:** Amy Nowlin 979-245-4100  
amy.nowlin@texasadoptabeach.org

## 9. Magnolia Beach Calhoun County

**Check-in:** Miller's Point Pavilion, off Miller's Point Road

**Contact:** RJ Shelly 361-552-9747  
rj.shelly@texasadoptabeach.org

## 10. King Fisher Beach, Port O'Connor Calhoun County

**Check-in:** Pavilion at King Fisher Beach

**Contact:** Roxanne Ochoa 361-746-4965  
roxanne.ochoa@texasadoptabeach.org

## 11. Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay Aransas County

**Check-in:** Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Highway 361

**Contact:** Richard Gonzales 361-779-7351  
richard.gonzales@texasadoptabeach.org

## 12. Portland San Patricio County

**Check-in:** Sunset Lake Park, 201 Sunset Drive, adjacent to Hwy 181

**Contact:** Kristin Connor 361-777-4670  
kristin.connor@texasadoptabeach.org

## 13. North Beach, Corpus Christi Nueces County

**Check-in:** Texas State Aquarium parking lot, 2710 North Shoreline Boulevard

**Contact:** Nicole Gaertner  
nicole.gaertner@texasadoptabeach.org

## 14. Cole Park Nueces County

**Check-in:** 1526 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi

**Contact:** Eric Jaramillo  
eric.jaramillo@texasadoptabeach.org

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**15. Mustang Island State Park,  
Corpus Christi**

Nueces County

**Check-in:** Park Headquarters Parking Lot, 17047 State Highway 361

**Contact:** Eric Ehrlich 361-749-5246  
eric.ehrlich@texasadoptabeach.org

**16. Packery Flats  
Nueces County**

**Check-in:** Parking lot off Hwy 361, on Mustang Island near Packery Channel

**Contact:** Satosha Patterson 361-882-3439 or 760-212-8123  
satosha.patterson@texasadoptabeach.org

Jace Tunnell 361-882-3439  
jace.tunnell@texasadoptabeach.org

**17. North Padre Island,  
Corpus Christi  
Nueces County**

**Check-in:** Padre Ballii Park Office, 15820 Park Road 22

**Contact:** John Vaughn 361-779-0477  
john.vaughn@texasadoptabeach.org

Jim Needham  
james.needham@texasadoptabeach.org

**18. Padre Island National Seashore  
Kleberg County**

**Check-in:** Malaquite Visitor Center, 20420 Park Road 22

**Contact:** Kelly Taylor 361-446-9074  
kelly.taylor@texasadoptabeach.org

**19. Baffin Bay/Loyola Beach  
/Riviera**

Kleberg County

**Check-in:** Kaufer-Hubert Park, FM 628

**Contact:** Letty Couch 361-522-9861  
letty.couch@texasadoptabeach.org

**20. South Padre Island  
City Beach**

Cameron County

**Check-in:** White Cap Circle, City Access Point #8 on Gulf Blvd., between East Swordfish and East Red Snapper Streets

**Contact:** Victor Baldovinos 956-433-1089  
victor.baldovinos@texasadoptabeach.org

Angie Cantu 956-761-8123  
angie.cantu@texasadoptabeach.org

**21. South Padre Island/  
Andy Bowie Park**

Cameron County

**Check-in:** 7300 State Park Road 100, at Access Road 2

**Contact:** Blanca Macias 956-761-5494  
Blanca.macias@texasadoptabeach.org  
Melissa Flores 956-761-3700  
melissa.flores@texasadoptabeach.org

**22. Boca Chica  
Cameron County**

**Check-in:** End of Highway 4 on the beach

**Contact:** Fernando Ramirez 956-459-9611  
fernando.ramirez@texasadoptabeach.org

Pati Matamoros  
Pati.matamoros@texasadoptabeach.org

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The following hotels have graciously offered discounted rates to Adopt-A-Beach volunteers during our cleanup weekends:

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**GALVESTON**

Clarion Pointe Galveston  
210-781-1262

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

Doubletree by Hilton  
361-883-9700

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND**

Isla Grand  
956-761-6511  
Use code: 04024BEACH

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Commissioner Dawn Buckingham with volunteers at the Fall Cleanup in Galveston

## ~ Fall Coastwide Cleanup Results!

On September 23rd, more than 6,500 volunteers came out to participate in the 2023 Adopt-A-Beach Coastwide Fall Cleanup. During the one-day event, a total of 220,816 pounds of trash was removed from 22 unique sites that stretched all the way from Port Arthur to South Padre.

“As Land Commissioner and a former resident of Galveston Island, it was an honor to participate and serve alongside the thousands of volunteers dedicated to ensuring Texas beaches remain clean and safe for all to enjoy,” said Commissioner Dawn Buckingham. “The stewardship of our coastal lands and the habitats and ecosystems they support is imperative to safeguarding our precious coastline. With over 220,000 pounds of trash removed up and down 123 miles of the coastline in a single day, it is evident that the General Land Office’s Adopt-A-Beach program plays a significant role in preserving our beautiful beaches.”



Volunteers at Cole Park Winter Cleanup in Corpus Christi



Volunteers at Fall Cleanup on Bolivar Peninsula



Volunteers at Packery Flats Winter Cleanup in Corpus Christi.

## Recap of the South Texas Winter Cleanups!

Nearly 600 volunteers participated in the 2024 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups and removed more than 8,000 pounds of trash from six sites during the two-day event on South Padre Island and across the Coastal Bend.

"Despite rough weather at some locations, hundreds of volunteers picked up 4.1 tons of trash during these important cleanups that mark this year's first chance to give back to our coastal communities and support the future of the Texas coast through the GLO's Adopt-A-Beach program," said Commissioner Buckingham. "This cherished program will continue to be an essential part of GLO's mission to preserve Texas' shoreline for recreational use and protect its crucial marine habitats for our wildlife."

The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 575,000 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up nearly 10,000 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

This year's cleanup sponsors include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Valero, the Texas Coastal Management Program, SLB, Ocean Conservancy, Wild Spirit Wild Places, Flint Hills Resources, and SESCO Cement.

## Get the Adopt-A-Beach License Plate!



The Texas General Land Office specialty license plate design features a photo by Texas' own **Kenny Braun**. Braun's work has been featured in Garden and Gun, Texas Monthly, Wired, Southern Living, Texas Highways, This Old House Magazine and more.

The plates are available to purchase for \$30 in addition to your annual registration fee, with \$22 of that donated to the **Adopt-A-Beach program's** all-volunteer effort to keep trash off Texas beaches.

The license plate was designed by the Texas General Land Office in coordination with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. To order a specialty Adopt-A-Beach license plate and get yours, visit <https://texasadoptabeach.org/contribute/license-plates/index.html>.

## Fall Cleanup By The Numbers

COUNTY	CLEANUP SITE	VOLUNTEERS	POUNDS	MILES CLEANED
Brazoria	<i>Surfside Beach - canceled due to red tide</i>	0	0	0
	<i>Quintana, Bryan Beach - canceled due to red tide</i>	0	0	0
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Calhoun	<i>Port Lavaca, Magnolia Beach (Bay)</i>	142	1,478	6
	<i>Port O' Connor, King Fisher Beach (Bay)</i>	14	58	2
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>8</b>
Cameron	<i>South Padre Island - County Beaches</i>	1,568	140,100	5
	<i>South Padre Island - City Beaches</i>	390	3,000	3
	<i>Boca Chica</i>	802	7,060	6
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>150,160</b>	<b>14</b>
Galveston	<i>Bolivar Peninsula</i>	198	3,875	26
	<i>Galveston Island</i>	1,872	46,800	14
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>50,675</b>	<b>40</b>
Harris	<i>Morgan's Point (Bay)</i>	137	1,300	1
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1</b>
Jefferson	<i>Sea Rim State Park</i>	153	1,392	5
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>5</b>
Kleberg and Nueces	<i>Baffin Bay (Bay)</i>	118	672	1
	<i>Padre Island National Seashore</i>	77	924	5
	<i>Port Aransas</i>	132	1,296	6
	<i>Mustang Island State Park</i>	89	864	3
	<i>North Beach (Bay)</i>	105	960	9
	<i>Cole Park (Bay)</i>	200	664	1
	<i>Packery Flats (Bay)</i>	60	1,488	2
	<i>North Padre Island</i>	330	3,612	14
	<i>Aransas Pass (Bay)</i>	5	538	2
<b>County Total</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>11,018</b>	<b>43</b>	
Matagorda	<i>Sargent Beach</i>	74	3,455	5
	<i>Matagorda Beach</i>	100	800	6
	<i>Palacios (Bay)</i>	14	480	1
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>4,735</b>	<b>12</b>
San Patricio	<i>Sunset Lake Park, Portland (Bay)</i>	75	924	6
	<b>County Total</b>	<b>75</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FALL 2023</b>	<b>6,655</b>	<b>220,816</b>	<b>123</b>

Two sites were cancelled due to red tide in the area.

# THANK YOU BEACH ADOPTERS!

To see a map of Beach Adopters, visit our website at [TexasAdoptABeach.org](http://TexasAdoptABeach.org) and go to the Volunteers tab.

THANK YOU to all of our State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) donors! Our code for the is 500000.

## GALVESTON COUNTY

Bolivar: Ramada Beach beginning at Nassau Rd - The Welty Family  
Bolivar: Tidelands Subdivision beach area - The Shark Research Institute  
Bolivar: Gulf-Holiday St. to the East one mile - The Raymond and Rosemary Clement Family  
Bolivar: Center Road to Beaumont Drive - The Hammer Family  
Bolivar; Crystal Beach area - Essence of Abha, LLC  
Barrel 59-60 Crystal Beach - Over the Rainbow Beach House  
Bolivar: Melody Lane to Alma Street - Ryleigh Burns  
Bolivar; Monkhouse Rd to Westview - Wildhorse Promotional Products  
Bolivar: Helen Road to Boyt Drive - Crenshaw School of Environmental Science  
Bolivar: Magnolia Lane to the west one mile - Beach Busters  
(Bayside) Pelican Island Harborside - TAMU-Galveston The Big Event  
Mooner Beach, San Leon - The Savoie Family and the Beach Pub  
Boddecker Road area - ExxonMobil Employees  
Beachfront along Boddecker Road - Manny & Christina Alaniz  
Appfel Park/ East Beach - LyondellBasell  
East Beach - US Coast Guard ESD Houston/Galveston  
9th - 17th Streets - Stacy's Vilmaris Crew  
19th Street Galveston to Pleasure Pier - Miltons Bells  
Beachfront at Hotel Galvez - 20th Street Area - The Girl Scouts of Tall Pines Hill  
27th Street area - 5kracken5  
29th - 30th Streets - Congregation Bnai Israel  
35th - 45th Streets - Heathen Ink Tattoo Studio  
39th to 45th Streets - Ball High School - Army JROTC  
45th to 61st Street - Oppe Elementary Campus of Coastal Studies  
45th to 61st Street - Galveston Golf Cart Society  
45th to 61st Street - Triad Marine  
61st. Pier (pier area only) - Southern Spears Surf Shop  
61st Street Pier and the West One Mile - Dohman Specialties  
61st Street Pier and the West One Mile - Matthew Maurins & Family  
69th Street to the west - Weis Middle School  
69th - 90th Street - Wei-Chen 'Miso' Lee  
Pocket Park #2 - Brookside Intermediate School NJHS  
Pocket Park #2 - Galveston Troop 177 Boy Scouts  
7 1/2 Mile Road - just east of Woody's Bar & Grill - Hoofprints and Memories  
Beachside Village - Wilkes-Trail Family  
8 Mile Road area - Marie & Ali  
8 Mile Road and Beachside Village areas - WMS Student Council  
(Bayside) End of Sportsman Road - 8 Mile Road Area - College of the Mainland (COM) Biology Club  
Spanish Grant Subdivision (Ventura to Pabst) - Miller Higgins Family  
Bermuda Beach - Davis Family Group  
Hershey Beach - Cypress Fair High School Air Force JROTC  
Bermuda Beach - Moody Gardens  
11 Mile Road to Campeche Court (Pirate's Beach) - Texas Gas Service  
11 Mile Road area - Cleanwaves Project  
13 Mile Road area - NCL Bay Area  
13 Mile Road area - Market Street Staffing  
Jamaica Beach - I Neglect Inc.  
Jamaica Beach - HPE OEM Team  
16 Mile Road area - National Ocean Policy Coalition  
16 Mile Road area - The Banff School National Honor Society  
Indian Beach at Kiva Road - The Staples Family  
Half Moon Beach - Njord Running  
San Luis Pass - The Colstons

## HARRIS COUNTY

Seabreeze Park - Professor Stanley & Friends

## BRAZORIA COUNTY

Mile Marker 0 - Alpha Phi Omega Metropolitan Houston  
Mile Marker 0 - Lone-Star Roof Systems  
Mile Marker 2 - Kuehne+Nagel Houston  
Mile Marker 3 - 4A Energy Advisors, LLC  
Mile Marker 3 - Ocean Sierra, LLC  
Mile Marker 4 - Devin n Deb  
Mile Markers 5, 6 & 7 - SLB (Schlumberger)  
Mile Marker 8 - The Bergaila Cornwell Family  
Mile Marker 9 - SeaSide Mermaids  
Mile Marker 10 - Bill Mullenweg Memorial Beach Cleanup  
Mile Marker 11 - Employees of Brazoria County Pct. 1  
Mile Marker 12 - BASF Corporation  
Mile Marker 14 - Surfrider Foundation Texas Upper Coast Chapter  
Mile Marker 17 Quintana Beach - Arechigas

## MATAGORDA COUNTY

Matagorda Beach - Tropical Maniacs of Matagorda  
Matagorda Beach - Westwood Inn  
Beach Road to the west - SOS Financial Solutions  
Beach Access Road to 3 Mile Cut - Memorial Coastal Crew  
Palacios Bay - Texas Girls  
one mile west of FM 457 bridge - Marblestone Family & Friends

## CALHOUN COUNTY

Port Alto Beach - The Hubenak Family  
Port Alto Beach - Wied Realty - Becky Wied  
One Mile of Shoreline near the Causeway or East Side of SH 35 in Point Comfort - Hope High School Environmental Club  
Boggy Nature Park, Port O'Connor - Victoria Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
22 Boundary Street area - The Howe Family  
Indianola Fishing Marina - Second Chance Ent: Shane, Rachel, August  
Magnolia Beach - In Honor of Mitchell Edwards, III

## SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

Sunset Lake Park, Portland - City of Portland

## ARANSAS COUNTY

Rockport Beach - Fulton's Reel Beachy Crew  
Indian Point Park - voestalpine Texas, LLC

## NUECES COUNTY

(Bayside) North Beach at Birding Platform, under JFK Causeway - Tuloso-Midway Navy Junior ROTC  
Cole Park - Mary Carroll High School Navy JROTC  
Cole Park - Veterans Memorial HS Environmental Honor Society  
Ropes Park - Richard Milburn Academy  
Port Aransas: San Jose Island - Keep Port Aransas Beautiful  
Port Aransas: St Jo's Island - Tribe Vibe  
Port Aransas: Horace Caldwell Pier to the north - Arriana McDonald-Espinosa  
Port Aransas: Mile Markers 18-19 - Kathy & Stan Novey  
Mile Markers 89-99, Access Road 2 - GLO Employees  
Access Road 2 to the north - EOG Resources, Inc.  
Mile Markers 87-79 - CarMax  
MISP, from north entrance to the jetty - Beach Keepers  
Mustang Island State Park - Randy & Dawn Bissell  
Mustang Island State Park - Good Samaritan San Antonio YAC  
Mustang Island State Park - Tidal Weights  
Mustang Island State Park - Disney Streaming: The Cuppa Joes  
Newport Pass Road (MM 196) to Access Road 3 and Packery Flats - CoffeeSock  
Packery Flats near Packery Channel - Coastal Bend Bays Foundation  
Packery Channel Park - Texas State Aquarium Aquateens  
JP Luby Beach Park - Lazy Beach Brewing  
South Packery Channel from Access Road 3 to Jetties - Beach Bums for Life  
White Cap Beach - Weichert Realtors - The Place of Houses  
White Cap Beach - Marlen Velazquez and the Spanish Club  
White Cap Beach - Coastal Archery of Nueces County 4H and Freedom 4H  
White Cap Blvd to St. Augustine Dr. - The Moody Family  
Bob Hall Pier to Mile Marker 234 - Cleanunity  
Access Road 6 area - Sea Pines Beach Cleanup Crew  
Mile Markers 242-252, south of Bob Hall Pier - Benjamin's Surf & Skate  
Mile Marker 235 - Third Coast Cleaning

## KLEBERG COUNTY

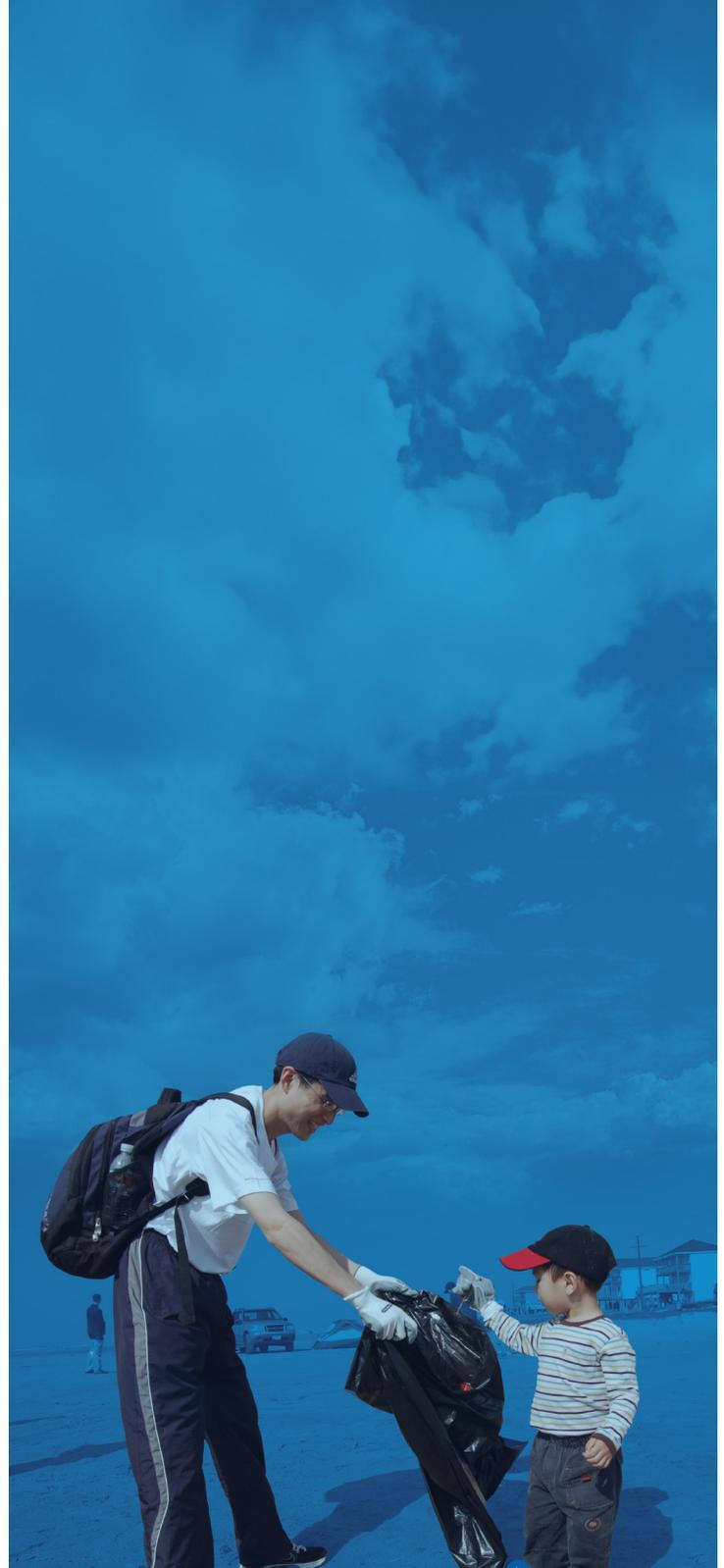
Mile Marker 236- Mile Marker 253 - The Jones Family  
Mile Markers 232-302, Bob Hall Pier to PINS - Burners Without Borders  
Corpus Christi  
Padre Island National Seashore - Carmen Gonzales

## WILLACY COUNTY

Port Mansfield East Cut, Miles 12 - 24 - Mama's Fantastic 4  
Port Mansfield - Willacy County Homeschoolers

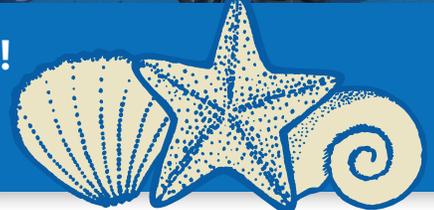
## CAMERON COUNTY

County Access Road 6 - ENGAGE - RGV Meetups for Homeschoolers  
County Access Road 6 - TxDOT Pharr District Employees  
County Access Road 3 area - Garver, LLC  
County Access Road 3 area - UTRGV Athletics  
County Access Road 2 (Andy Bowie Park) - KCI Technologies  
County Access Road 2 (Andy Bowie Park) - Saint Joseph Academy  
City Access #23 - Sapphire @ East Palmetto Drive - Save the Animals  
Access Road #3 to Clayton's Beach Bar and Isla Blanca Park - UTRGV  
Coastal Studies Lab  
City Beach Access #3 - City of South Padre Island & Keep South Padre Island Beautiful  
Poinsettia Circle to Neptune Circle - 13108 Encrypted  
Isla Blanca Park jetties to the north - Friends of Isla Blanca  
Isla Blanca Park - The Dovalina Family  
Boca Chica Beach - Visit Boca Chica  
Boca Chica Beach - SpaceX  
Boca Chica Beach - GreenZone Enterprises



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