



Scouting-Ranger Resource Stewardship Festival



**Saturday, April 10
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

The National Park Service and Scout Troop 9311 will be sponsoring a full day of fun and education at Padre Island National Seashore's Malaquite Visitor Center. The Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger program engages Girl and Boy Scouts in educational, volunteer service, or action projects in national parks. The Scout Ranger program aims to:

- Spark scout's curiosity and interest in conserving wildlife and our natural and cultural resources with a variety of ranger led education programs.
- Increase visitation and attract diverse scouts to national park sites.
- Promote environmental science and conservation career exploration.
- Empower girls and boys to protect our national park sites through sustainable volunteer service or action.

To recognize their leadership efforts and stewardship activities, participating scouts will earn certificates and patches for their involvement in educational & volunteer projects.

How To Participate

Interested Girl and Boy scouts from throughout the Corpus Christi area are invited to participate. To promote scouting and other organized educational & conservation efforts that serve to attract students to our nation's National Parks, Padre Island National Seashore will waive the normal \$10.00 per vehicle entrance fee for all participants in the Scouting Resource Day event. The fee waiver for the event also includes parents, chaperones, and scout leaders. **PLEASE NOTE** – This Is A **NO SWIM** event, however one activity does entail getting the feet wet. A spare pair of shorts and shoes is a good idea.

Primary Contact: Annette Labuda, & Scout Troop 9311 of Orange Grove, Texas will be hosting the event and coordinating the collection of a \$5.00 donation to cover the cost of a hotdog lunch for participants. Any money remaining after the food and planning costs are covered will be donated to the Park Service's Education Program account. **To register for the event please RSVP by February 28** to Ms. Labuda via phone at **361-384-2735** or by email at: pnkdrgn524@aol.com. **Be sure to include how many scouts you're bringing and don't forget troop trip applications and permission slips!**

Activities

9:00 AM Beach Cleanup: The day will begin on the deck of the Malaquite Visitor Center with a conservation activity. Please arrive early to allow time to use the restrooms, put on sunblock, and take care of other last minute details. Park Rangers will provide participants with trash bags, gloves, and a brief safety talk before everyone departs for the beach. The cleanup will end at 10:00 AM and will be followed with presentation of prizes for unusual items collected during the event.

10:15 AM until 10:30: Restroom and snack break.

10:30 AM until 12:00 noon: Scouts will join rangers for a variety of age appropriate education programs. The activities last approximately 45 minutes so there will be time for two different programs before lunch.

12:00 noon until 1:00 PM: Hot Dog lunch hosted by the leaders and scouts of Troop 9311.

1:00 PM until 2:30 PM: Scouts can continue their park and resource education by participating in additional education programs. Once again the programs will last about 45 minutes each allowing for students to join in on additional learning adventures.

2:30 PM until... Presentation of patches & free time

Program Descriptions

Tammy Turtle: This is a great program to introduce young students to the struggles all animals must overcome in order to survive as a species.

What's In My Toolbox: Our box is filled with animal skulls and skins that enable the students to explore a variety of traits that make life easier for them.

Talking Trash: This provides scouts with a better understanding of how litter from far inland can end up on the beach and what the consequences are.

Hidden Treasures: Using nets, sieves, and hand tools, students capture, examine, and release the myriad small fishes and burrowing creatures found at the surf's edge.