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Celebrate Earth Day at Exploration Green April 25

Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 to 2:00, Bay Area's new Exploration Green will host its inaugural Earth Day Celebration at the 200-acre green space in the heart of Clear Lake. Free and open to all, festivities will include traditional outdoor games, running and walking, education and environmental activities and volunteer opportunities for visitors all ages.

Created and staffed by a volunteer corps of a variety of organizations, including Space Volunteers from Boeing and other space organizations, Assisteens, Texas Coastal Watershed Program and Exploration Green Conservancy, activities include:

- **5K Fun Trail Run** – The informal Trail Run begins at 9 a.m., and throughout the day everyone can walk or run to explore all of Exploration Green along the six miles of trails.
- **Geocaching** – Search for and discover hidden items around Exploration Green using GPS technology. Learn more about geocaching at 9 a.m.
- **ExGames** – Old-fashioned outdoor games for the kids like Freeze Tag; Duck, Duck, Goose; Red Light/Green Light, kite flying and more. Two sessions begin at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. with separate games for groups of kids ages 4-8 and 9-12.
- **Cyclo-Cross Exhibition** – Witness the exciting sport of cyclocross with its challenging rough course races requiring riders to quickly dismount and carry the bike at times. Mountain biking beginners start at 10:30 a.m. and experienced mountain bike riders start at 11:15 a.m.
- **Tree Nursery Information and Volunteering** – Join experts from Trees For Houston to learn about nurturing native Texas trees for the park ecosystem. Get your hands dirty helping in the tree nursery between 8 a.m. and noon.
- **Wetlands Presentation and Volunteering** – Have some muddy fun for a good cause! Join Texas A&M AgriLife Extension staff as they demonstrate how to propagate plants, and then help pot up new plants. Take part in a wetland scavenger hunt and see plants and aquatic animals that live in the nursery.
- **Hike and Bike Trail Maintenance Volunteering** – Find out about plans for Exploration Green hike and bike trails and put in a little elbow grease helping maintain the current trail. Meet at 9 a.m. at site of Exploration Green's main entrance and parking area at 16205 Diana Lane.
- **Information tables from Exploration Green Conservancy, Galveston Bay Foundation, Sierra Club, Clear Lake Water Authority and more.** Learn more about how to be environmentally conscious, connected and active in your community.
- **Volunteer Work-Day Opportunities** – In addition to Earth Day volunteer opportunities, Exploration Green has work-days scheduled every few weeks. Sign up to volunteer at the Wetlands Nursery, the Tree Nursery, Trail Blazing/maintenance and other important activities including communications, event planning, social media and fundraising.

Located in the heart of Clear Lake, with a main entrance at 16205 Diana Lane near the Clear Lake City Recreation Center, Exploration Green is a 200-acre green space – an environmental refuge dedicated to conservation, recreation and flood control. Still in early development phases, it will eventually incorporate a world-class network of jogging trails, athletic fields, leisure and relaxation areas, scenic vistas, streams and ponds, picnic areas, among other amenities.

In addition to the main entrance, Exploration Green can be accessed anywhere its trails intersect a street (Reseda, Neptune, El Dorado) or near streets (such as Bay Area Blvd, Space Center Blvd., Penn Hills Lane), although street parking is limited and best access is by foot or bicycle.

For general information about Exploration Green, the Earth Day Celebration, volunteer opportunities or contributions to the Exploration Green Conservancy, a 501(c)(3), please call: 281.782.2721 or visit www.ExplorationGreen.org.

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