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Spook-A-Clean: A Halloween-Themed Bayou Cleanup to Protect Houston's Birds and Wildlife

Houston, TX – Get ready to make a difference this Halloween season with “Spook-A-Clean,” a fun and frightfully important community cleanup event organized by SPLASH! On November 1, volunteers of all ages will come together to clean Houston's bayous, learn from local environmental organizations, and participate in our costume swap!

Houston's bayous are critical ecosystems, supporting a wide range of species and serving as vital stopover points for migratory birds. However, these waterways often become polluted with trash and debris, posing a serious threat to the wildlife that depend on them. Our “Spook-A-Clean” event is designed to tackle this issue head-on while bringing a festive, family-friendly atmosphere to environmental action.

Event Details:

- **Date:** November 1, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Location:** Arthur Storey Park, 77400 W Sam Houston Pkwy S Houston, TX 77036
- **Who Can Attend:** Open to all ages
- **What to Bring:** Close-toed shoes, water bottles, and your spookiest costume! Trash bags, gloves, refreshments, and giveaways will be provided.
- **Costume Swap:** Bring your clean and gently-used costumes to swap out or donate! Excess costumes will be donated to the SPCA Re-tail Thrift Store

Why It Matters:

Houston's bayous are not only home to countless species of birds, fish, amphibians, and mammals, but they are also crucial stopover points for migratory birds traveling along the Central Flyway. By participating in Spook-A-Clean, volunteers will help:

- **Protect Wildlife:** Removing debris and plastic that endanger local wildlife.
- **Preserve Bird Habitats:** Clearing the way for migratory birds to safely rest, feed, and nest along their journey.
- **Support Clean Waterways:** Keeping Houston's bayous clean improves water quality for both wildlife and the community.

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Day of Environmental Action!

Alongside our community cleanup, we'll host a costume swap, where volunteers can donate gently used costumes or pick out a "new-to-you" style—because reusing is not only eco-friendly but also frightfully fun. Browse interactive booths from local environmental organizations, where you can discover hands-on ways to protect our bayous, learn about conservation efforts, and score sustainable giveaways. It's the perfect chance to dress up, give back, and help keep our waterways and wildlife thriving!

RSVP Today!

To volunteer or learn more, please visit www.splashtx.org/spookaclean. Join us in making a lasting impact on our environment this Halloween!

About SPLASH

SPLASH, or Stopping Plastics and Litter Along Shorelines, is a partner program created by American Bird Conservancy, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, and Black Cat GIS. Our mission is to create cleaner environments for birds, people, and other wildlife in the Houston-Galveston region through outreach, community science, and education. SPLASH envisions a Texas coast where local communities and natural resource managers are working together to reduce coastal trash pollution, creating an environment where people, birds, and other wildlife thrive.



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