March 9, 2027 9am - 12pm

A Coastal Cleanup for beach-nesting birds and sea turtles

NestFest LOVE YOUR SHORES

Follets Island, Galveston Island & Bolivar Peninsula







Protecting Vulnerable Species

The Gulf Coast provides vital nesting habitat for a variety of shorebirds and sea turtles, many of which are listed as vulnerable, threatened, or endangered. Species like the Snowy Plover, Least Tern, and the critically endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle depend on these coastal areas to lay their eggs and raise their young.

Unfortunately, trash poses a serious threat to these species. Litter can entangle birds, turtles, and hatchlings, or be mistaken for food—causing injury, illness, or even death. Sea turtles face these dangers not only on our beaches but throughout their lives in the ocean, where floating trash continues to pose a threat.

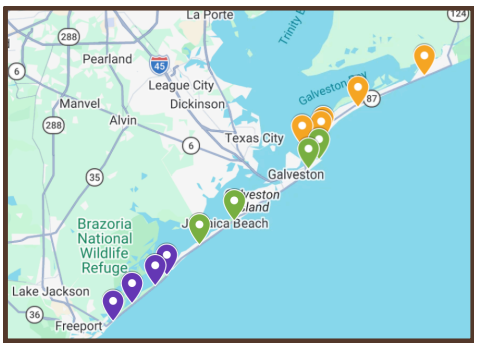
By supporting NestFest, you're helping remove harmful debris and restore safe nesting habitats for shorebirds and sea turtles. Together, we can give these incredible animals a better chance to survive and thrive along our coast.

Founding Partners

NestFest was founded in 2023 by five partner organizations: SPLASh (Stopping Plastics and Litter Along Shorelines), Gulf Center For Sea Turtle Research, American Bird Conservancy, Texas Master Naturalists, and Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. All five of these organizations have years of experience in conserving wildlife, planning events, improving habitat, and bringing the community together for service projects.

Methods

Each cleanup location is carefully selected by our biologists based on its use as beach-nesting habitat for sea turtles and shorebirds. Hundreds of volunteers attend this event and remove thousands of pounds of trash while maintaining the integrity of each site.



Our Impact

NestFest has had an amazing impact on coastal Texas wildlife, habitat and communities! This event mitigates the negative impacts of trash pollution on sensitive species included decreasing the chances of wildlife entanglement and plastic ingestion. Furthermore, community members from all over the Houston-Galveston region take action to save wildlife and beautify our incredible coast. Explore the table below to see our impact by the numbers.

Year	Volunteers	Pounds of Trash Removed
2023	300	2,368
2024	400	3,022
2025	449	4,755
2026	510	5,340

Support Our Work

Sponsors are a vital part of this event, providing funds, community support and supplies. To make this event happen, we need gloves, grabbers, shirts, advertising, and more. If you are interested in supporting NestFest by becoming a sponsor, please take a look at our sponsorship levels on the next page, and let us know if you have any questions or would like to work with us.

Sponsorship Levels



Kemp's-Ridley Sea Turtle Sponsor $2000 or more

- Name or logo on back of official T-shirt
- Recognition on the NestFest webpage
- Recognition on organizers' social media
- Logo or name on a sign at four cleanup sites
- NestFest Thank You Package including T-shirts, stickers, and paper toys



American Oystercatcher Sponsor $800 - $1999

- Name or logo on back of official T-shirt
- Recognition on the NestFest webpage
- Recognition on organizers' social media
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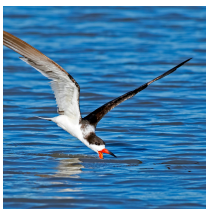


Loggerhead Sea Turtle Sponsor $100 - $799

- Name or logo on back of official T-shirt
- Recognition on the NestFest webpage
- Logo or name on a sign at one cleanup site

In Kind Donations

In Kind donations may include event supplies, store products, and store discounts and deals for volunteers. Please reach out if you have any questions about acceptable in kind donations.



Black Skimmer Sponsor $1000 or more

- Name or logo on back of official T-shirt
- Recognition on the NestFest webpage
- Recognition on SPLASh social media
- Logo or name on a sign at four cleanup sites



Green Sea Turtle Sponsor $500 - $999

- Name or logo on back of official T-shirt
- Recognition on the NestFest webpage
- Recognition on organizers' social media



Wilson's Plover Sponsor $100 - $499

- Recognition on the NestFest webpage

Legacy Sponsor

Your 3rd year of sponsorship is a milestone worth celebrating! You'll receive a special acknowledgement and icon next to your name.

Sponsor NestFest Today!

Email Liz Virgl at evirgl@abcbirds.org