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Friends of Galveston Island State Park

NEWSLETTER



Fishing FRENZY

Tangle up your line? Monofilament recycling tubes can be found at various fishing locations throughout the park, including on the beach. See how many you can find during your next visit to Galveston Island State Park.

See tubes that need assistance?
Email us at fogisp@gmail.com



**We love volunteers! Join FoGISP today!
Galveston Island State Park needs you!!!
Scan the code and become a member.**



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MAY 2024 PUBLIC EVENTS CALENDAR

Cost: Entry fee of \$5 is required for adults and FREE for children 12 & under.
Or, use your State Parks Pass for FREE entry!!

BEACH WALKS

Join us on a short hike to the beach by walking through the swales and dunes to learn about the unique, but harsh ecosystem. Many plants and animals are adapted to survive along the sandy shores and in the surf. Meet at beachside turtle statue.

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

May 5th, 19th and 27th

KAYAK PROGRAMS

Kayaking 101 May 10th from 5:30pm- 7 pm
Morning Paddle May 26th from 9 am- 12 pm

Restration required:

<https://fs18.formsite.com/TPWD/kayaking101test/index>

Kayaking programs are supported by donations to Friends of Galveston Island State Park

Surf fishing

Bay fishing

Beachcombing

Prairie hikes



In Loving Memory of Frank Bowser

Frank was a board member emeritus and long time friend of Galveston Island State Park. Frank passed away on February 17th. The brackish water of Galveston Bay ran through Frank's veins. He loved to share his knowledge of the park and its distinct habitats with those he came in contact with. On several occasions, Frank would write guest columns for the Galveston Daily News to share tidbits about the park with the paper's readers. He enjoyed kayaking the paddling trails of the park, looking for Black Skimmers and many other treasures. He also took a great interest in photographing and documenting the park as it changed over the years. Many of his photos can be found on DVDs he carefully narrated in the Nature Center.



SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Terry Gaustad Memorial Scholarship
2024 application due June 20, 2024



In honor of the late Terry Gaustad, a FOGISP board member, director of Camp Wild and forever educator, we are proud to offer this scholarship. Terry brought the initial idea to the board in 2023 as a way to encourage students to volunteer their time at Galveston Island State Park for Camp Wild and other park volunteer opportunities. Without the support of Terry and countless other volunteers, this scholarship would not be available.

Eligibility requirements:

- Completed application and additional materials submitted to fogisp@gmail.com by June 20th.
- 25 volunteer hours at GISP between July 1, 2023 and June 15, 2024, submitted into the Texas Parks and Wildlife VMS system.
- Ages 17-24, enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education for the Fall 2024 semester,

For more information visit:

<https://fogisp.wordpress.com/terry-gaustad-memorial-scholarship/>