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

Houston, TX – September 5, 2025 – 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 October 26, volunteers of all ages will come together to enjoy Halloween fun and clean Houston’s bayous, helping to protect local wildlife.

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:** October 26, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Location:** Law Park II 6177 Scarlet Drive, Houston, TX 77048
- **Who Can Attend:** Open to all ages; costumes encouraged!
- **What to Bring:** Sturdy shoes, water bottles, and your spookiest costume! Trash bags, gloves, refreshments, and giveaways will be provided.

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!

In addition to the cleanup, we'll have a story walk, eco-friendly giveaways, and booths from local environmental organizations where volunteers can learn about local conservation efforts and how to get involved. It's the perfect opportunity to get spooky for a cause, all while helping to protect the natural beauty of our bays and the wildlife that call them home.

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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