



Partner Data sheet

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PARTNER: Coastal Naturalist/ Red Tide Rangers
UTRGV Coastal Studies Laboratory

The Coastal Studies Laboratory located on South Padre Island was established in 1973, and is dedicated to providing educational opportunities, enhancing research, engaging in public service, and providing community outreach related to coastal and marine concerns in the Gulf of Mexico with special emphasis on the South Texas region.

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Volunteer Opportunities:

TMNer volunteer during red tide event to count harmful algal, marine mammal stranding events and school events with Beach Ecology Walk, Fish Printing, Squid Dissection, Shark Dissection

Training offered:

No training is necessary to assist with school events

Coastal Naturalist – need to complete Red Tide Training, Fish Printing Training and Sea turtle Nesting/cold stun stranding training (from STI).

Red Tide Rangers Training allow volunteers to assist with Red Tide events, counting harmful algal blooms

Marine Mammal Stranding Response Program Training – allow volunteers to respond marine mammal strandings.

Fish Printing – is an enjoyable class to teach the art of fish printing

Weighmaster training is also available - If you are a fishing tournament weighmaster or want to be one, you will benefit from this course.