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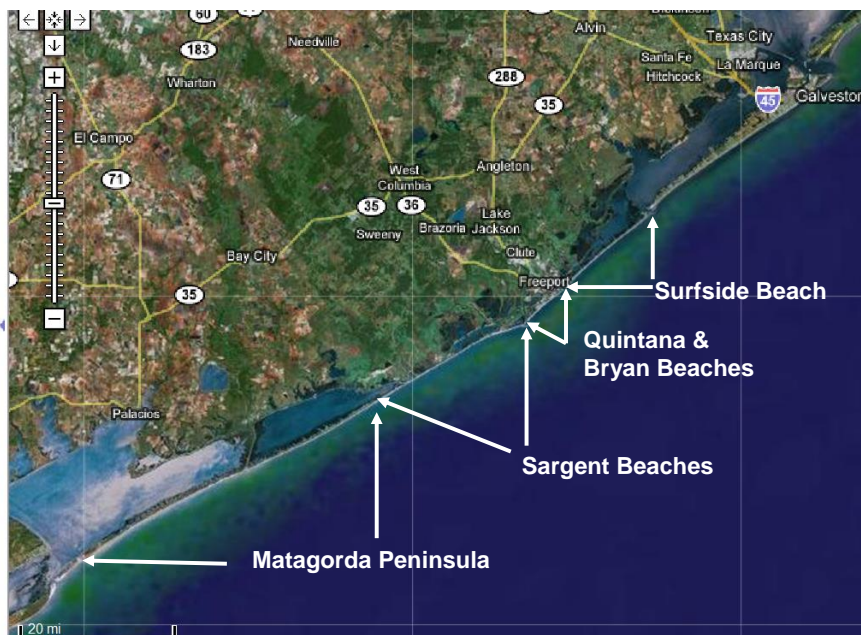


Re: Grant Request for Sea Turtle Patrol Kits

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges (Friends) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation. Our tax ID number is 76-0440298. Our Mission is to support the Brazoria, San Bernard and Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuges (Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex) by raising funds through donations, grants, and gifts to help fund wildlife refuge projects, educational programs, and other activities. Our members actively participate in these projects, programs, and activities.

One such new Friends project at the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge is to patrol 112 miles of Texas beaches along the Gulf of Mexico for nesting sea turtles, including the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, locating and protecting their eggs until they can be removed by licensed government professionals for incubation, hatching, and release. The patrols will also install and maintain signage that gives the public, when they encounter sea turtles and their nests, information on how to contact appropriate government agencies.

Two-person all-day turtle patrols will occur several days per week from mid-April through June on each of four sections of this 112 miles of beach; Surfside Beach, Quintana-Bryan Beaches, Sargent Beaches, and the Matagorda Peninsula.



Friends of Brazoria NWR Turtle Patrols on Gulf of Mexico Beaches



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The San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge in turn provides logistical support to transport patrol volunteers to and from remote locations, often by boat or air boat.

Friends is requesting a grant of \$6,200.00 to purchase four kits that will each contain equipment to precisely determine the location of found nests, record weather information, photograph turtles/nests and surrounding environment, measure specimen, and record data. With these kits, our volunteer patrols will be able to meet our goal to augment the efforts of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other government agencies to assure the safe recovery of the Kemp's Ridley turtle to sustainable populations and enhance the viability of the general sea turtle population in the Gulf of Mexico. The increased precision of measurement enabled by this equipment will improve the quality of data contributing to the understanding of sea turtle ecology.

For more general information on Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges, please visit our web site at <http://refugefriends.org>.

Thank you for considering this grant application.

Very Truly Yours;

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Request/Project Budget



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Sea Turtle Patrol Kits

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| Item | Vendor | Unit Cost | Units | Item Cost |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Garmin Map60cx GPS Units | Cabelas | \$349.99 | 4 | \$1,399.96 |
| Kodak V1003 Digital Camera | Wal-Mart | \$185.00 | 4 | \$740.00 |
| Kestrel 3000 Weather Meters | Kestrelmeters.com | \$129.00 | 4 | \$516.00 |
| Pelican Cases 1550 | pelican-case.com | \$129.95 | 4 | \$519.80 |
| Calipers, 102 cm | Forestry Supply | \$188.75 | 4 | \$755.00 |
| Pocket Reader with Memory | Biomark | \$560.00 | 4 | \$2,240.00 |
| | | Total Project Cost | | \$6,170.76 |