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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: Research Ethics and Professionalism Class at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

WHAT: "Hidden Treasures" Low-Tide Investigation

WHEN: Friday, July 10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**WHERE: In Front of the Malaquite Visitor Center, Padre Island
National Seashore**

Students Collect Sea Organisms during Low-Tide Investigation

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Students in the Research Ethics and Professionalism class at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will analyze living sea creatures during a low-tide investigation Friday, July 10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in front of the Malaquite Visitor Center of Padre Island National Seashore.

Amanda Garza, teacher ranger for Padre Island National Seashore, will lead the "Hidden Treasures" exercise in which students with shovels, small nets and screens will collect organisms in the "swash zone" that include ghost shrimp, small fish, mole crabs and coquina clams.

Garza will also discuss marine debris, dead zones and human impact on the environment.

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