

# Site Information: White Oak Bayou – Jersey Village

Location: Special Notes:

Check in/Registration at Cook Middle School 9111 Wheatland Drive Houston, TX 77064 N/A

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### **Driving Directions:**

From Downtown Houston, take I-45 North to Beltway 8. Take Beltway 8 West. Take West Road exit. Turn right (West) on West Road. Go approximately 1 mile. Turn left (South) on Wheatland. Go approximately 1/3 mile. Cook Middle School will be on your right.

#### **Parking:**

Parking is available in several areas. Parking lot to the right of the school. A Parking Lot in Front of the School and along the street.

## **Registration Area:**

Registration will be to the right of the school under the covered bus loading area next to the cafeteria entrance.

#### **Area To Be Cleaned:**

White Oak Bayou between Jones Road and Beltway 8 and adjacent tributaries and drainage ditches.

# Schedule for the Day:

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Cleanup
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch, door prizes, activities

# Site Information: General Event Safety and Information

### Registration, Liability Waiver, and Photo Release Form:

Every participant must sign a registration form that includes a liability waiver section and photo release before participating in the cleanup. Minors must have the form signed by their parent or guardian, not just a chaperone. Registration forms can be downloaded in English or Spanish from the Trash Bash® website so that you can print the form, complete it in advance, and bring it with you. This is especially recommended for larger groups to help speed up the registration process.

# What to wear/bring:

Trash Bash® will happen rain or shine unless inclement weather poses a danger to participants. Conditions can be slippery, muddy, or overgrown, and temperatures can range from cold to warm. It is recommended that you bring the following items: pants, sunscreen, hats, insect repellant, rubber boots or sturdy closed-toed shoes you don't mind getting dirty, and rain gear.

NO sandals or flip-flops. Volunteers wearing inappropriate footwear will not be allowed to participate.

#### **Trash NOT to pickup:**

Do not pick up medical waste, 55-gallon drums or other sealed closed or sealed containers, hazardous materials, broken glass, partially buried items, or heavy items requiring more than one person to lift it. Tell a site organizer the location of the item, and the proper authority will be called for their collection.

You can watch a safety video <u>here</u>.

#### **Public Health Guidelines:**

Due to ongoing public health concerns, Trash Bash® asks that you follow these protocols:

- Do not attend Trash Bash® if you are experiencing an COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive, or been exposed to someone who tested positive in the last 5 days.
- Please maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and anyone not in your group at all times.
- All participants are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in areas where people might need to gather in larger groups such as registration, supply distribution, and lunch.

# What is provided for volunteers at Trash Bash®:

#### Supplies

Trash Bash® cleanup locations provide volunteers with gloves and trash bags. Trash grabbers are available but are limited and are not provided to every individual. If you have your own gloves or trash grabbers you prefer to use you may bring them with you.

#### T-shirt

All volunteers receive a Trash Bash® t-shirt at the beginning of the event.

#### Lunch/Drinks

All volunteers are invited to stay after the cleanup for a free lunch. Lunch usually consists of hot dogs, chips, and cookies. Water is available throughout the event. Individual sites may have additional beverage options.

Visit www.TrashBash.org for information on the event, safety, and the required waiver.