

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SEA TURTLE PATROL



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Sea Turtle Patrol is an ongoing project sponsored by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The project is administered by San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge staff. A temporary employee, Danielle Robisheaux, will administer the program during the 2015 breeding season. Volunteers are needed to monitor beaches between Quintana and Matagorda Bay.

Objectives of the Sea Turtle Program:

- Locate Kemp's ridley's nests to excavate the eggs and transport them to an incubation facility on the Padre Island National Seashore.
- Locate live turtles stranded and transport them for rehabilitation at the NOAA facility in Galveston.
- Document any dead or stranded turtles.

We accomplish this mission with the help of volunteers. Volunteers may patrol the beach by walking, by bicycle, or by driving a USFWS off-road vehicle. Agency training is required before using any USFWS vehicle.

Even if volunteers can't donate more than a couple hours of time a week, that is still a big help. The more eyes we have on the beach the better.

You must have the training class to patrol for the refuge. Also, remember that UTV training is good for 3 years. If you think or know that you need to update your training please let me know. If you do not know or are unsure I have a list and will be able to tell you.

Here are the training dates: **Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 8. Both will begin at 6:30 p.m. at San Bernard NWR.** We hope to see as many of you as possible and cannot wait to get this season started.

**Location:** San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge  
6801 County Road 306, Brazoria, TX 77422  
Map: <http://tinyurl.com/SBNWR-Main-Entrance>  
Enter at main entrance (red marker)

**Contact information:**

San Bernard Sea Turtle Patrol  
Turtle hotline - 866-887-8535 or 866-TURTLE-5  
Patrol Manager - Danielle Robisheaux - 979-964-3639  
Refuge Manager - Curtis Jones - 979-964-3639 (office)

**Credit (TMN-COT members only):**

- **Training:** Approved for Advanced training for actual hours for *first-time trainees only*. Not approved for members who have had the same training in 2013 or 2014.
- **Program Participation:** Approved for Volunteer time for all turtle-patrol activity.

Timesheet code: **USFWS**

To volunteer please contact:  
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