

Join the fun at the 9th Annual Ocelot Festival!!

To: Families, Teachers, Boy & Girl Scout Troops, Outdoor Enthusiasts and anyone looking for an exciting and educational adventure!

What: Ocelot Conservation Festival! Join us for the 9th Annual Ocelot Conservation Festival sponsored by the Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Come see live owls, sea turtles, hawks, and snakes along with many other wild animals! Build a birdhouse, hold a harmless snake and catch a fish. Visit booths hosted by the Gladys Porter Zoo, Nature Challenge, Sea Turtle Inc, Sea Life Center, Jr. Angler Program, a live auction and many other activities for adults and children.

When: Saturday, February 9, 2008 from 10 to 5pm (Rain or shine!)

Where: Marine Military Academy, Memorial Center in Harlingen, Texas

Why: Highly endangered in the United States and rarely seen in the wild, the Texas ocelot is the main focus of the day-long event. All proceeds from the festival go to supporting research and conservation measures to ensure the long-term survival of this small cat whose numbers are less than 100 in the United States.

Cost: Admission charge is all-inclusive

Children under 4 – free

Adults: \$5.00

Organized Groups (15+): \$40.00

Children: 4-12 \$3.00

Families: \$20.00

For more information about the festival, contact:

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Directions: The Marine Military Academy is located at 320 Iwo Jima Blvd, Harlingen, Texas 78550. From Expressway 77, exit straight on to loop 499 (Primera Road). Follow the airport signs. At FM 507, turn left. Turn right onto Iwo Jima Blvd. (the Iwo Jima monument will be on the right side of the road, across from the festival).

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