



RIO REFORESTATION XVI

Help Restore Habitat in the Lower Rio Grande Valley!

To: Teachers, students, parents, scouting organizations and the general public.

What: Rio Reforestation XVI: 1,000 volunteers are needed to plant seedlings at the Ranchito tract of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Please bring your own shovel, work clothes, gloves and sun screen. Food and refreshments will be provided.

When: Saturday October 13, 2007, from 8:00 am until noon. In the event of bad weather, the event will be postponed until Saturday, October 27, 2007.

Why: Volunteers will plant tree and shrub seedlings on 36 acres of Refuge farmland. This will restore valuable wildlife habitat and create green space that contributes to the quality of life in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Where: The Ranchito tract of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge is south of the Expressway in between Harlingen and Brownsville.

- From Military Hwy, take FM 1577 north 4.6 miles to Lago Road. Turn right and go 1.3 miles to the site.
- From US Hwy 83/77, exit on FM 732 and go south 1 mile to FM 1577. Turn left on 1577 and go 1/2 mile to Lago Road. Turn left and go 1.3 miles to the site (From Harlingen's Ed Carey Drive to FM 732 exit is about six miles; from Brownsville's Price Road to FM 732 exit is about 14.5 miles).

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