



RIO REFORESTATION XVII

Help Restore Habitat in the Lower Rio Grande Valley!

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

What: Rio Reforestation XVII: 1,000 volunteers are needed to plant seedlings at the Harris-Schatz 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 11, 2008, from 8:00 am until noon. In the event of bad weather, the planting will be rescheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008.

Why: Volunteers will plant tree and shrub seedlings on 24 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 Harris-Schatz tract of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge is northeast of Los Fresnos near the Port Isabel/Cameron County Airport. From US 77/83, exit TX 100 heading east. At FM 1847, turn left heading north. Turn right, heading east on FM 510. Follow directional signs to Buena Vista Road and the parking area for Rio Reforestation. The planting site is at the intersection of Buena Vista and Shafer Roads.

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