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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **NOAA hosts 8<sup>th</sup> annual Ocean Discovery Day**

NOAA Fisheries' Galveston laboratory and Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary are hosting the eighth annual Ocean Discovery Day open house on Saturday, March 14 from 9am-3pm.

Every year thousands tour the NOAA facility in Galveston. Some visitors are future marine biologists and scientists and some are just in it for the fun, but all love the ocean and leave learning something new!

The FREE family event will feature creative hands-on activities, crafts for the kids, cool science tools, a chance to meet some local sea turtles, explore coral reefs, and the opportunity to learn how to save dolphins. Visitors will also get to talk one-on-one to NOAA scientists at the lab, and even make their way through a sea turtle obstacle course.

NOAA's Galveston lab is located at 4700 Avenue U in Galveston, Texas. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

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#### **On the web:**

NOAA Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

NOAA Fisheries Galveston Lab <http://www.galvestonlab.sefsc.noaa.gov>

NOAA's Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary <http://flowergarden.noaa.gov/>

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