

Tidehaven

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The Tidehaven Intermediate School Science & Spanish Club has been active since 2003-04 when the Gulf of Mexico Foundation received a Coastal Impact Assistance Program Cycle 1 Grant. Physically set in the middle of cotton

fields, everybody rides a bus to get to school.

The windfall benefit of this fact is that many faculty members are also bus drivers and historically, Tidehaven goes on more field trips than most other SSCs. But just as important are the results of all of these field trips. Students from Tidehaven Intermediate were the first to create the need for establishing high school level SSCs proving that youth at an early age, are capable of becoming environmentally engaged



Tidehaven has been conducting hands-on data collection on sand dune erosion at Matagorda Beach with the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology and the Lower Colorado River Authority since 2004. They were the first junior high school to be

included in this long-term study that continues erosion monitoring at Mustang Island, South Padre Island and Galveston Island.

Tidehaven was also the first member of the Tres Palacios Watershed



Stream Team model that has been replicated on the Aransas River, Lavaca-Navidad Rivers and the Bahia Grande in the Coastal Valley.

Tidehaven also participates annually in the Texas Parks & Wildlife/LCRA Coastal EXPO tent at the Lions Club Rice Festival in Bay City in October.

