

Port Isabel, Texas

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The Port Isabel Junior High School Science & Spanish Club operates more loosely than other SSCs as both faculty sponsors are classroom science teachers. Darrell Nash and Angela Scott pull students from their classes to participate in SSC activities.



The year has been very busy in Port Isabel beginning with the November 4, 2007 SSC outreach booth at the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce's annual World Shrimp Cook-Off with over 7,000 attending. Students conducted a survey of the public asking them about what kind of improvements they would consider for the back of the Junior High School where the Bahia Grande Restoration project is causing water to fill up. Port Isabel JHS is the only school with a new beachfront, right next to the new science laboratory building. Students also collected pledges from the public to keep the Bahia Grande clean.

On November 10, students participated in the Fall Bahia Grande-Laguna Madre Coastal Cleanup along with the Dr. Garcia Middle School SSC and 180 volunteers. Areas cleaned up included San Martin Lake, Derry Park, the retail trash hot spot at the intersection of Hwy 48 and Hwy 100, The Flats on South Padre Island and Beach Access 13.

In January 2008, faculty sponsors were trained in the University of Texas at Brownsville Jason Project's Aquatic Propagation Pond program as part of actually building two nursery ponds on the Port Isabel JHS campus. The Port Isabel High School Alternative School was also invited to build one pond on their campus.



In February and March, faculty sponsors worked on developing and conducting a survey of the entire student body of 560 about what kind of improvements they would like to see at

their school. This information will be provided to the Pointe Isabel ISD School Board for consideration of constructing a pier, science station, cabanas and other desirable infrastructure.

On April 5, Port Isabel, Brownsville and Matamoros SSCs all participated in the 2nd Annual Bahia Grande Limpianato Parade and Coastal Cleanup with over 100 volunteers.

