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GOTTA GET AWAY...CORPUS CHRISTI UPPER PADRE ISLAND  
IS A DESTINATION WITH BEACHES + MORE  
SPRING BREAK 2011

Corpus Christi, Tx (March 9, 2011) -The drive to get away is in the air as warmer temperatures are brightening the Coastal Bend area. The invitation is out for you to experience the beauty of the beaches, sand, attractions and natural environment, which make Corpus Christi a picturesque and enjoyable destination.

Blossoming this Spring Break in Corpus Christi are additional features to the area and to our attractions. Along with surfing, kiteboarding and windsurfing on the beach, visitors can explore our miles of beaches, Texas Style, while on horseback. Horses on the Beach, is located south of Bob Hall Pier and Padre Balli Park. This allows visitors one more unique memory of vacationing on the beach in Corpus Christi. Bob Hall Pier is also open for fishing with the Ozone Bar & Grill ready to whet your appetite.

The outdoor adventurer can escape to the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, and for those seeking a history lesson, an encounter with a dolphin or just want to explore their creative side, visitors can slip inside the city's other major attractions like the Texas State Aquarium, USS Lexington Museum on the Bay, Art Museum of South Texas, and Museum of Science & History. This year, on March 17, the Texas State Aquarium is offering visitors a "Night at the Aquarium". Families will want to grab some chairs, blankets and flashlights as the evening begins at 7:30pm with a night tour through the aquarium, an animal encounter on the lawn followed by the family-friendly movie, *Over the Hedge*.

New, along our award-winning Corpus Christi Marina, is Harrison's Landing, offering waterfront dining, shopping and sailing. Tavern on the Bay, at Harrison's Landing, is the newest outdoor restaurant and bar located on the Marina and is within walking distance of hotels in the downtown area.

Also new this spring break, the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority is launching an expanded Harbor Ferry season with daily service during Spring Break beginning March 12 – March 20. The new Harbor Ferry 90 foot passenger vessel features two deck levels and 149 person capacity. The Harbor Ferry offers hourly connections from the slip located on Peoples Street T-Head to the dock at the Texas State Aquarium.

The fast and furious have a chance to spin around the race track at Funtrackers. Go karts, bumper boats, miniature golf and arcade are among the activities that will keep the whole family entertained!

Corpus Christi rolls out something for every family member. Waves, Wings and Wildlife when mixed together, are an awesome recipe for family fun, unique experiences and memories that will bring you back year after year. Spring Break signals the start to great beach weather in Corpus Christi. Check out what's going on alongside the beach this spring break including live music, extended hours at many hot spots and great travel deals, by looking at the calendar on this link, <http://visitcorpuschristitx.org/pdf/2011spcalendar.pdf> and so much more, for the Spring Break you really need!

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*The Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau's mission is "to drive overnight visitor\$ to the Corpus Christi Area". For more information about the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau or to plan your next trip to Corpus Christi, visit [www.VisitCorpusChristiTX.org](http://www.VisitCorpusChristiTX.org) or call 1-800-766-BEACH.*