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## ROCKPORT'S 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WHOOPING CRANE STRUT

ROCKPORT, TX -- The 29th Annual Whooping Crane Strut will be held at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Memorial Park, which is located at the intersection of Pearl Street/FM 2165 and Enterprise Blvd. This chip-timed event includes a 5k and 10k run, plus 2-mile walk. The race course will be on the Memorial Park and Tule Hike & Bike Trails.

Awards will be presented to the overall male and female winners of each event, a Masters and Grand Masters Category, and awards to 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in their respective age categories for each event. Those registering prior to race day are also guaranteed an event T-shirt.

Registration forms are available on the City of Rockport website, Rockport City Hall, Bay Education Center, Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, and Community Aquatic & Skate Park, as well as online (<https://www.athleteguild.com/running/rockport-tx/2017-29th-annual-whooping-crane-strut>).

Entry fees are \$25, and \$30 on race day. Also, groups of six or more will receive a 10% discount. Five dollars from every paid registration will be donated to the Water for Wildlife Fund, managed by the Friends of Aransas & Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuge. Funds are used to provide fresh water for the whooping cranes and other wildlife at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

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Volunteers are also needed to assist at drink stations and to serve as race marshals. Volunteers receive an event T-shirt, and all will be entered into the door prize drawings following the awards presentation. Those interested in volunteering should contact Rick Martinez, the race director, at 361-790-1136 or at [parks@cityofrockport.com](mailto:parks@cityofrockport.com).