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**Find your Pathway in Birding!**

***Join us for a special Aransas Pathways Event***

ROCKPORT-FULTON, TX — Take a tour of Aransas Pathways birding sites and compete for a chance to win a pair of Kingbird 6.5x32 Binoculars! The event will be the kick-off for the 31st Annual HummerBird Celebration on Thursday, September 19 at 8:30. The event starts with a coffee and snack welcome at the Aransas Pathway’s Center Pavilion, 2491 Hwy 35 North (Walmart entrance next to Tule Creek) in Rockport. Attendees will visit five Pathways sites. In addition to the Pathways Center pavilion, these sites will include Tule East Birding and Nature Site, Linda S. Castro Nature Sanctuary, Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary and the History Center for Aransas County. This is a self-guided tour with specific times to visit each site. The tour and game are both open to the public. We encourage our visitors and locals alike to participate.

The event will include a game (no skill required) in which participants will collect a special card at every site. Each site will have a host who will distribute a game card. Cards will be distributed on a first come, first served basis The participant who holds the winning hand of cards at the end of the tour will be awarded a pair of Kingbird 6.5x32 Binoculars.

Site Tour times are as follows:

* 8:30am – Meet at the Pathways Center Pavilion -2491 Hwy 35 North for a Presentation of Aransas Pathways and tour Tule West/East (coffee and Danishes) - 1st card distributed
* 9:00am – 9:30am Tour Tule East - Across Highway35 from Tule West.
* 9:45 – 10:15am - Discover Linda S. Castro Nature Sanctuary, 4041 TX-35, Fulton. 2nd card distributed
* 10:30 – 11:15am – Explore Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary, 1401-1499 S Church St, Rockport - 3rd card distributed
* 11:30 -11:45 – Meet at History Center - 801 E Cedar St, Rockport, to view the Gardens and collect final card. 4th card distributed.
* Prize presentation at 11:45 at the History Center

For more information on the event 361-729-6445 or tourism@1rockport.org. For more information on Aransas Pathways, visit AransasPathways.com

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