

2007 HEART BEACH PATROLS AND WATCHES

Watchers are people who sign up to keep an eye on the beaches on an irregular basis when at the beach and walking on the beach on occasion. They will report their patrol hours as they can, probably monthly.

Patrollers are folks who sign up to a particular location on a particular day or days. This is so we can know which areas of the beach are “covered” by regular patrols. These can be on foot or by vehicle, golf cart, etc.

Zones: patrollers are not required to cover the entire zone. Just let us know which part of the zone you will cover and when.

Best Times: early morning to mid morning, late afternoon to early evening. But sea turtles nest at all times of the day (during daylight hours).

Best Days: Overcast, rough and muddy surf, windy days (strong onshore winds). After a rain when sand is damp.

Driving on Beach: We do not have special permission to drive on beaches where driving is not allowed as of yet. Please observe all traffic and safety postings. We cannot assist you with traffic tickets or damage to your vehicle or tires.

Patrol Carts: will soon be available for patroller use at Surfside, Quintana, and/or Bryan beach. Contact Tracie Teague at ibteague@yahoo.com to sign up for use. Patrollers use these at their own risk. You may also use your own vehicle for patrolling on driving beaches. HEART does not have funds to reimburse for mileage or gasoline.

Reporting Hours: You can report monthly on enclosed forms. We also have daily, weekly, and on-line report forms if you prefer. www.savetexasseaturtles.org patroller page.

If you do find something you can call the hotline # as appropriate to advise officials.

Patrol T-shirts: If you can commit to covering a zone on a schedule of any kind (resulting in at least 15 patrol hours) we will provide a patrol t-shirt. If you are a watcher, and report at least 15 hours watching through August 1, we will send you a patrol t-shirt. (T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10).

The more we watch, the higher likelihood we have of seeing something.

For questions or problems, contact us anytime!