

MOODY GARDENS DIVE INTO THE GULF - AN EXPOSITION SCHEDULE

Friday, February 23rd

4:00pm - 5:30pm: Dive into the Gulf Experience

Explore the Gulf of Mexico's twilight zone using divers and ROVs. This hands-on experience is fit for all ages, and attendees will be able to meet scientists and see first hand diving technology and scientific methods used in the Gulf of Mexico.

Moody Gardens Aquarium

6:00pm - 9:00pm: Welcome Party at the Aquarium

Enjoy the Aquarium Pyramid after hours with Ambassador animals and behind the scenes tours of the penguin, jellyfish, and Caribbean areas, and sneak a peak of the upcoming Houston Underwater Film Festival and with two drink tickets and light hor d'oeuvres.

Moody Gardens Aquarium

Saturday, February 24th

7:00am: Breakfast Buffet at Cafe in the Park

Moody Gardens Hotel

8:30 am - 10:00am: Dive into Coral Rescue Experience

Join the Moody Gardens Cnidarian Team and the Flower Gardens Banks National Marine Sanctuary team on an adventure protecting our Gulf of Mexico coral reef. Participants will learn about active coral reef conservation and restoration in the Gulf of Mexico, and participate in a hands on activity.

Moody Gardens Aquarium

9:00am - 10:00am: Aquarium Behind the Scenes Tours

Hotel package guests only

9:00am - 5:00pm: Dive into the Gulf: An Exposition

Moody Gardens Convention Center Expo Hall

EXPO Educational Sessions

10:30am - Steve Jamroz - DAN Director of Marketing
DAN Membership, Dive Accident, and Travel Insurance

11:30am - Marissa Nuttall - Research Specialist and Diving Unit Supervisor, Flower Garden Banks NMS
Diving for Science: Adventures and Exploration at Flower Garden Banks

12:30pm – Panel Discussion on Conservation efforts
Guests including Joel Johnson, National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation CEO and Mr. Matt Brookhart, ONMS Regional Director

1:30pm - Jay Haigler – Founding Board Member/Lead instructor for Diving With a Purpose
Restoring Our Oceans, Preserving Our Heritage

2:30pm - Kelly Martin - NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Restoration into Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities

3:30pm - Dr. Leisa Deutsch and Dr. Kristi Ray - Medical Director(s) for Moody Gardens Dive Program and NASA's Sonny Carter Training Facility at Johnson Space
Bringing Undersea Medicine to the Surface

4:30pm - Sheryl Rozier and Elizabeth Walla - Galveston Park Board
Coastal Zone Management Programs, and Women in Coastal Science

10:00am - 2:00pm: Dive into Scuba Experience

Come try Scuba first hand in the MG pool with the Texas Scuba Adventures team. Expo ticket purchase required for participation, ages 8 and up. Advance registration required and limited capacity, on-site medical questionnaire and waiver required prior to activity.

Moody Gardens Hotel Lap Pool

7:00pm - 10:00pm: Currents in the Gulf Lionfish Seafood Dinner

Award winning Chef prepared sustainable seafood dinner, cash bar, fundraiser. Guest speaker - Dr. Michelle Johnston, Superintendent of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

Moody Gardens Hotel 9th Floor Viewfinder Terrace

Sunday, February 25th

8:30am - 10:00am: Dive into Conservation Experience

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in Moody Gardens conservation efforts through immersion in the coral reefs of our terrestrial world - the rainforest!

Moody Gardens Visitors Center Rainforest Entrance

10:00am - 11:00am: Aquarium Behind the Scenes Tours

Hotel Package guests only