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Cyclists pedal to protect their Bay during Galveston Bay Foundation's twelfth annual Bike Around the Bay event

Houston, TX – October 11, 2018 – Galveston Bay serves as an incredible backdrop for the nearly 1,000 riders who will participate in Bike Around the Bay, Galveston Bay Foundation's fully-supported, two-day, 170-mile bicycle ride showcasing the beauty of the Bay on October 20 – 21, 2018. The ride directly supports the Foundation's efforts to protect and enhance the natural areas cyclists experience during this scenic adventure.

Bike Around the Bay starts in Baytown at [Plantgistix](#) on Saturday, October 20 at 7:30am. From the starting line, the cyclists take a route that passes by Galveston Bay Foundation's Turtle Bayou Nature Preserve in Anahuac and through High Island—the highest point on the Gulf Coast between the Yucatan Peninsula and Alabama. Cyclists then ride the Bolivar Ferry to Galveston Island, where they cross the finish line at [Moody Gardens Hotel](#) starting around 3pm (a very exciting time!) and enjoy dinner and hospitality in the evening. On Sunday, October 21st, riders over the Galveston Causeway, through Texas City along the Texas City levee, through the bayside towns of Kemah and Seabrook, and over the Fred Hartman Bridge finishing back at Plantgistix around 1pm in time to celebrate their journey.

"The whole ride, you are within a stone's throw from Galveston Bay," said Bob Stokes, Galveston Bay Foundation President. "Riders experience incredible scenery and support a broad array of Galveston Bay Foundation programs including land conservation, habitat restoration, water quality and quantity, youth education, and advocacy around the Bay."

Galveston Bay Foundation welcomes Shell as Bike Around the Bay's title sponsor for the ninth consecutive year.

"Shell's financial support for the ride is important to making Galveston Bay a better, healthier place, but the volunteer support of their local employees truly makes our ride successful," Stokes said.

Frazier Wilson, VP at Shell Oil Company Foundation expressed the importance of environmental programs and projects for the company.

“The impact of Shell-sponsored environmental programs and projects since 1999 have resulted in conservation and protection of more than 13 million acres of wetlands that safeguard coastlands from storms, enhance thousands of acres of land, preserve important species, and educate thousands of community members,” Wilson said. “In addition, the ride promotes health and wellness initiatives that encourage all members of society to strive for high health performance.”

For more information on this year’s ride, please visit www.bikearoundthebay.org.

About the Galveston Bay Foundation

Established in 1987, the Galveston Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come. It implements diverse programs in land preservation, habitat restoration, water quality and quantity, youth education, and advocacy. For further information, contact the Foundation at (281) 332-3381, visit www.galvbay.org, like us on Facebook, or follow us on twitter @GBayFoundation

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