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SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY JOINS “BEAUTIFY MY MARIANAS”

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) –San Antonio Elementary recently joined the list of growing groups supporting the tourism industry through “Beautify My Marianas,” an island beautification project providing cash for cleanup projects. “Beautify My Marianas” is administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce (SCC).

The school’s MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) club clean from San Antonio Beach Park to San Antonio Beach last month, netting 120 lbs. of trash.

“A majority were cigarette buds (*sic*) that were left around the pavilion, used diapers, broken bottles, plastic products, and cans,” said the club in their report. “Along the way we found additional trash, such as a pile of burnt trash left on the beachside sand and trash that was abandoned along the dirt road leading up to San Antonio School.”

“Beautify My Marianas” aims to keep the Northern Marianas clean and pristine and offers a minimum of \$100 to groups to pick up trash in designated areas on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Depending on the level of difficulty and the type of project (e.g.: trash cleaning with some tree trimming or brush cutting), the \$100 fee may be increased. Applying groups must meet all eligibility guidelines.

Applications are available at www.mymarianas.com and www.saipanchamber.com, the MVA, or SCC, and upon approval of their application, groups will be assigned an area that requires clean up. It will be up to the group submitting their application to decide how many people will clean the area and when the cleanup will be accomplished.

Approved groups must provide before, during and after photos of the site, as evidence of the cleanup prior to disbursement of funds.

Participants in the San Antonio Elementary cleanup were Alayssha Mondido, Mariechrist Castro, Kyla T., Elisha Posadas, Merari Aniga, Sheila Pascual, Loren Obrero, Joemari Pulido, Chioni Dela Cruz, Kevin Ada, Jethro Famacurlano, Noime Mangalinao, Raymond Caleb Dejillas, Marylou Dejillas, and Virginia Richards.



Members of the San Antonio Elementary MY WAVE Club conducted a beach cleanup in San Antonio on May 3, 2014, as part of the “Beautify My Marianas” campaign administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical

haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Wuhan to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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