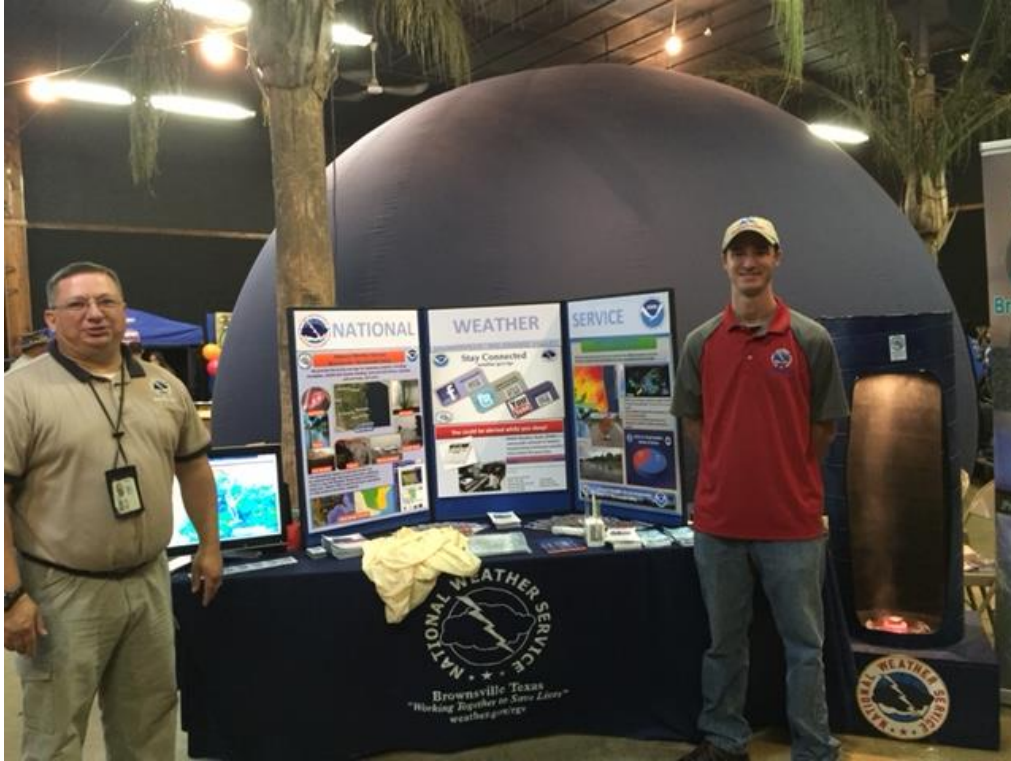


NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley In Your Neighborhood...and Beyond!



Information Technology Officer Pablo Gonzalez and Pathways Student Randall Hergert stand ready for the crowds prior to Oceanarium 2015 in Brownsville, September 12, 2015

September 2015

September 7, 14, 21, and 28: Warning Coordination Meteorologist *Barry Goldsmith* and Meteorologist *Erin Billings* participated by e-mail, phone, or both, in the **Weekly Texas Drought Monitor Teleconference**.

September 12: Pathways Student *Randall Hergert*, Information Technology Officer *Pablo Gonzalez*, and *Barry Goldsmith* staffed a **booth** at the **Oceanarium** event at Gladys Porter Zoo. An estimated 1000 individuals attended the event, and more than 100 stopped by to learn more about NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley.

September 23: Senior Forecaster *Mike Castillo* taped an **on-camera interview** with **Channel 23** regarding the fall outlook for temperatures and rainfall.

September 25: *Mike Castillo* gave an **interview** to the **Valley Morning Star** on the fall outlook for the Rio Grande Valley.

September 30: *Mike Castillo* gave an **interview** to **KRGV Channel 5 News** regarding impact based warnings.



From left: Meteorologist Chris Birchfield, Meteorologist-in-Charge Jim Reynolds, and Warning Coordination Meteorologist Barry Goldsmith sweat the details after painting a Habitat for Humanity home in Harlingen, October 1, 2015.

October 2015

October 1: Meteorologist-in-Charge *Jim Reynolds*, *Barry Goldsmith*, and Meteorologist *Chris Birchfield* participated in the NWS Week of Community Service by painting a new home in Harlingen for Habitat for Humanity of the Rio Grande Valley.

October 5, 12, 19, and 26: *Barry Goldsmith* and *Erin Billings* participated by e-mail, phone, or both, in the **Weekly Texas Drought Monitor Teleconference.**

October 7: *Chris Birchfield*, Pathways Student *Randall Hergert*, Information Technology Officer *Pablo Gonzalez*, and *Barry Goldsmith* staffed a booth at the **UT-RGV Brownsville Campus Career Recruiting Fair**. The group spoke with dozens of college-age students and graduates about careers and volunteer opportunities with the National Weather service. Approximately 500 individuals attended the event.

October 8: *Pablo Gonzalez* and *Barry Goldsmith* staffed a booth at the **13th Annual Education and Career EXPO** in Harlingen. They spoke with dozens of students from the Lower and Mid Valley high schools about prospective STEM careers; 3,000 students attended and many passed by the NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley booth.

October 8: *Pablo Gonzalez* and *Barry Goldsmith* attended the **UT-RGV Edinburg Career Fair pre-event social**, and met more than a dozen students in STEM and social science fields, briefly describing volunteer opportunities at NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley. Approximately 150 persons attended.

October 9: *Chris Birchfield* and *Pablo Gonzalez* staffed a booth at the **UT-RGV Edinburg Campus Career Recruiting Fair**. They spoke with students and graduates about careers and volunteer opportunities with the National Weather service. Approximately 1000 individuals attended the event, and dozens passed by the NWS Brownsville/Rio Grande Valley booth.

October 16: *Barry Goldsmith* gave **two presentations at Egly Elementary School** in Brownsville to 2nd graders on hazardous RGV weather and safety.

October 29: *Chris Birchfield* and *Barry Goldsmith* provided an **office tour** to a group of students from **Kaplan College**. Barry provided a presentation and spoke about the workings of the office and Chris provided information about the upper air program and the evening balloon launch.