



NEWS RELEASE:

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Join Us for Family Fun at Barks, Books and Bait at Ascarate Park

Saturday, March 11

El Paso County Parks & Recreation, in partnership with the El Paso County Animal Welfare Department and Ascarate Fishing Club, bring a fun-filled day for the entire family with **Barks, Books and Bait on Saturday, March 11th at Ascarate Park**. The event will include a kid fish derby, pet friendly vendors, activities, and a reading event at the Ascarate Park Pavilion located inside the park at 6900 Delta.

Barks. Join the El Paso County Animal Welfare Department from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** as they host a fundraising event and bring awareness of spaying and neutering pets to the community. The event will include a pop-up dog park, pet vendors, door prizes, pet adoptions, and FREE microchipping. All proceeds will go towards the El Paso County Animal Welfare Department Pet Wellness Clinic that provides free pet services to the community. For more information on how you can donate to the El Paso County Animal Welfare Department, call (915) 546-2040 ext.3254.

Books. El Paso County Parks & Recreation celebrates National Read Across America Day with a free reading event from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The event celebrates the joy of reading and encourages literacy in children. Visitors are encouraged to bring their favorite books to exchange and read with their pets, friends, and family. The event will include snacks, activities for the kids and free books.

Bait. The Ascarate Fishing Club will be hosting its seasonal Kid Fish Derby from **7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The event is FREE for ages 3 years to 16 years old. Registration will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. inside the Ascarate Park Pavilion. Bait and fishing poles will be provided for participants. Parents will only need an I.D. to register. For more information on the Ascarate Fishing Club, call (915) 478-0406.

WHAT: Barks, Books, and Bait

WHEN: Saturday, March 11th beginning at 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ascarate Park Pavilion, 6900 Delta

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