



November 19th - 21st, 2025
Summary of Events

Houston Area GISday



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GIS DAY Event Overview

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When and Where

■ University of Houston-Clear Lake

- 2700 Bay Area Blvd,
Houston, Texas 77058
- **Workshops**
 - Wednesday, November 19th
- **Expo**
 - Thursday, November 20th
- **Student day**
 - Friday, November 21st



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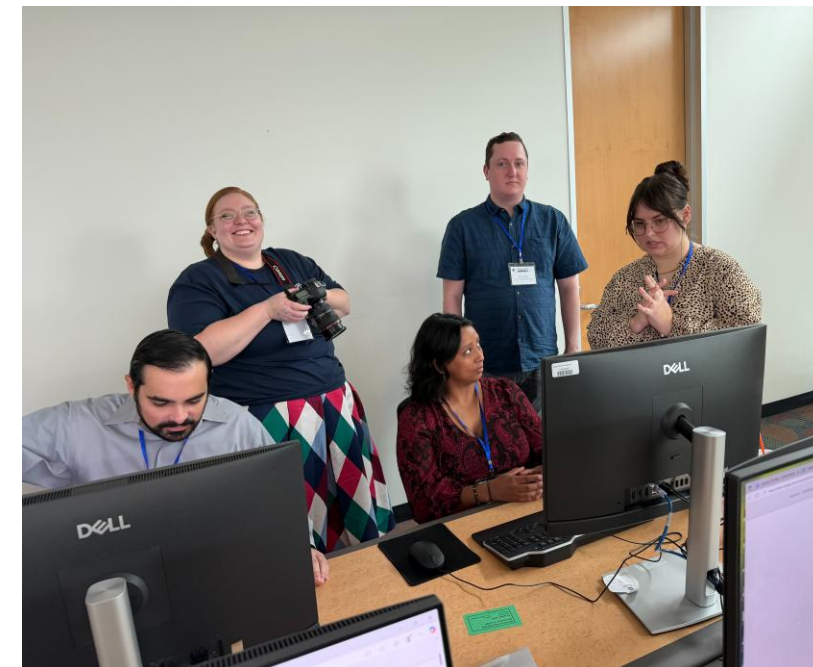
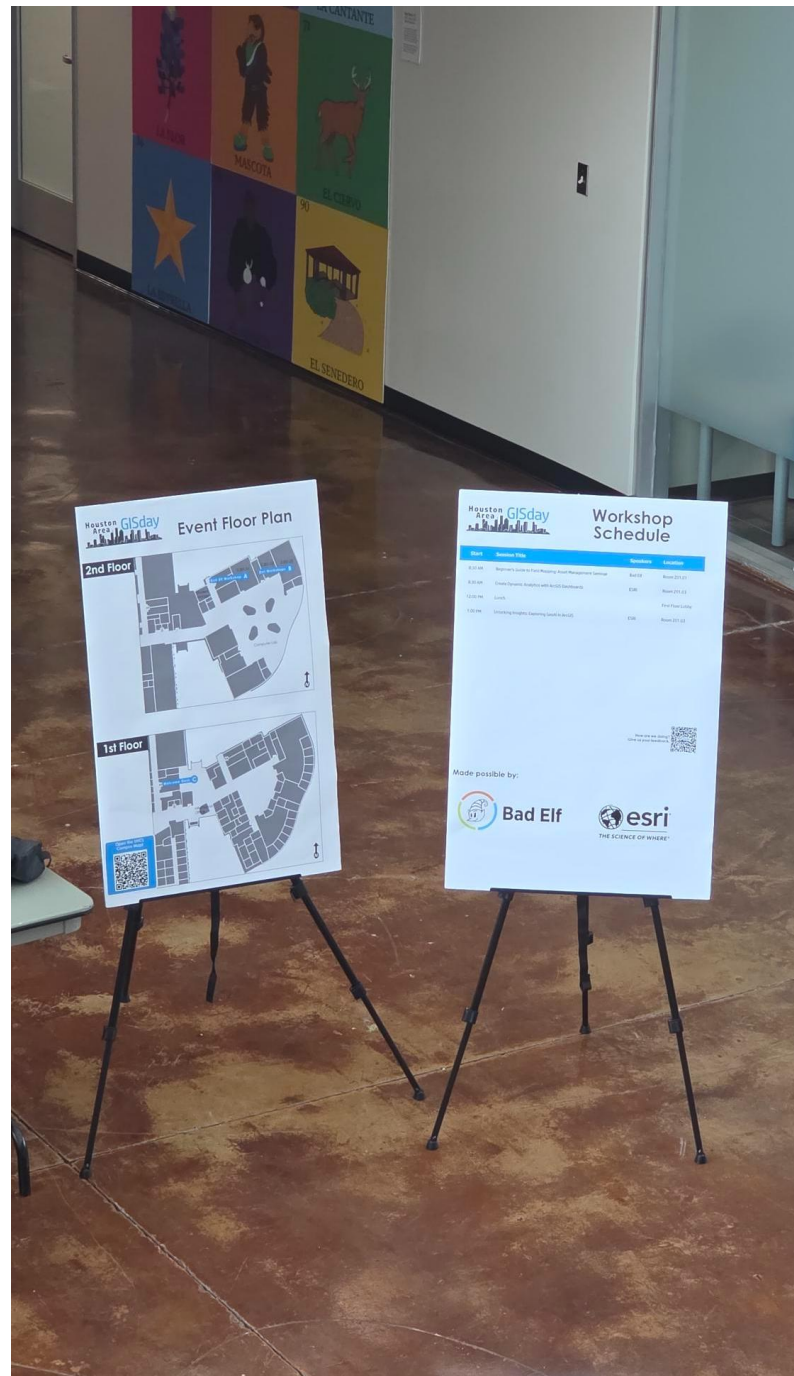


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Volunteers 88



Expo and Professional Day

Nov 20th





Top Industry Representation & Interactive Demos

This year's Expo featured 16 exhibitors representing leading organizations across GIS, technology, engineering, and public sector services. Attendees had the opportunity to explore new tools, connect with employers, and engage directly with experts showcasing real-world applications of geospatial technology.

Exhibitors included:

- AllTerra Central
- NV5
- Esri – San Antonio
- H-GAC
- The Sanborn Map Company
- Eagleview
- Surdex, a Bowman Company
- ISPATIAL Techno Solutions Inc.
- Harris Central Appraisal District
- City of Houston – Planning & Development Department
- Texas Water Development Board
- Woolpert
- Blackline Engineering
- Data Axle, Inc.
- SurvTech Solutions
- Workforce Solutions



Attendance

Registrants	Registered Early/Online	Actual Attendance
High School Attendees	250	145
Expo Attendees	132	130
Workshop Attendees	55	44
Volunteers	105	88
Speakers	20	20
Sponsors	20	20





Jeffrey Lash

**Professor of Geography, Department of
Social and Cultural Sciences**

Jeffrey Lash is an experienced professor of geography with a strong background in the K–16 education system. His work spans geography education, data analysis, human geography, geospatial information science, and public speaking.

He holds a Ph.D. in Geography from Texas State University–San Marcos and is recognized for his commitment to advancing geographic literacy and supporting the next generation of GIS professionals.



Chuck Wemple

**Executive Director, Houston-Galveston Area
Council**

Chuck Wemple is the Executive Director of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), leading a regional organization serving 13 counties and more than 100 member governments. He oversees an annual operating budget of over \$650 million and programs spanning transportation, public safety, economic development, environmental planning, and community resilience.

Chuck is a past chair of the Executive Directors Council for the National Association of Regional Councils and an American Leadership Forum Senior Fellow. A certified foresight practitioner, he focuses on the intersection of regional planning, future trends, and innovation. Outside of work, he enjoys competitive fencing and studying magic.



Lindsey Lowe Peña,

MBA, MHRL, PhD

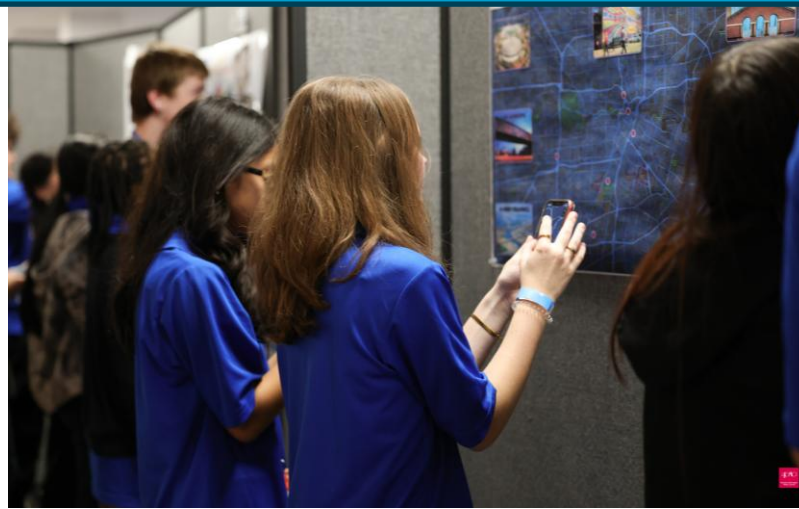
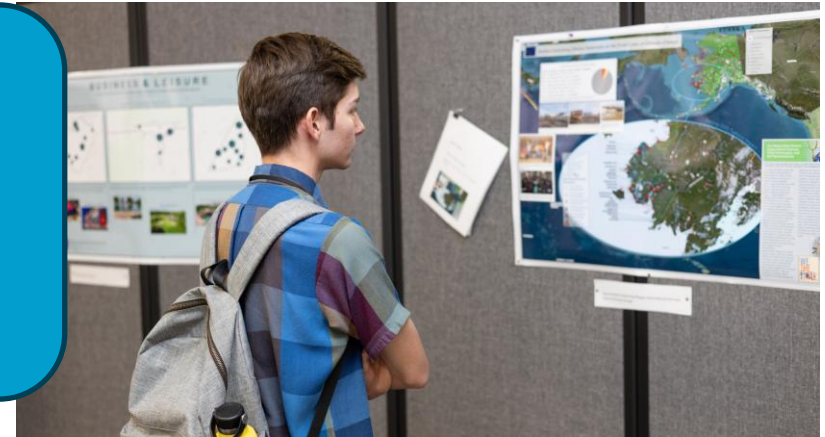
Lindsey Lowe Peña is a nonprofit executive and researcher specializing in public health, workforce development, and organizational strategy. She serves as H-GAC's Director of Health & Human Services, overseeing programs in aging, workforce innovation, reentry, and community resiliency.

She previously held leadership roles with national nonprofits, including the National Association of Workforce Boards, where she focused on applied research and high-impact community initiatives. Lindsey holds a PhD in Organizational Management, a Master's in Human Resource Leadership, and an MBA in Strategic Management. She is passionate about mentoring emerging leaders, strengthening community partnerships, and supporting equitable workforce systems.





Map Contest

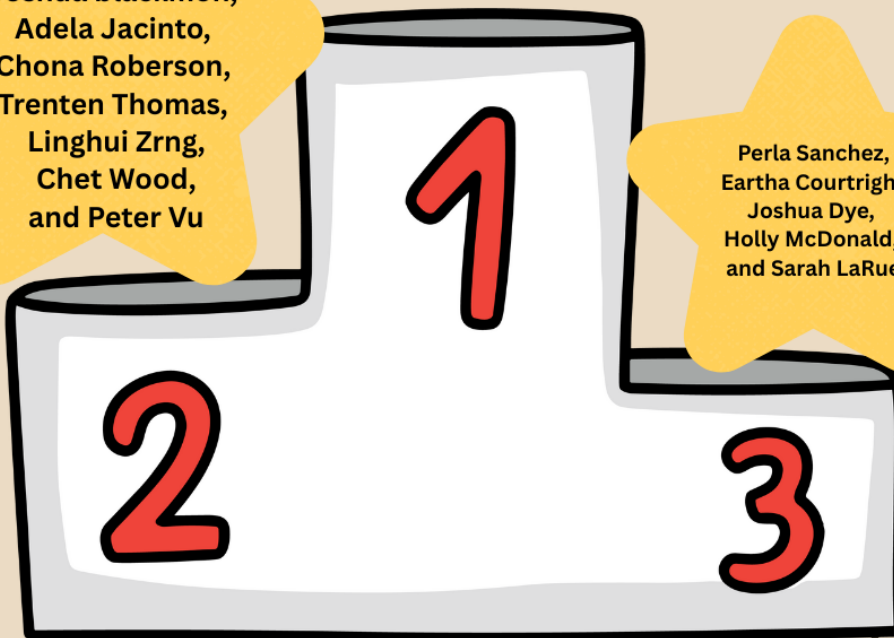




**Bum Seok Chun
and
Jiwan Pun
Thapa**

**Joshua blackmon,
Adela Jacinto,
Chona Roberson,
Trenten Thomas,
Linghui Zrng,
Chet Wood,
and Peter Vu**

**Perla Sanchez,
Eartha Courtright,
Joshua Dye,
Holly McDonald,
and Sarah LaRue**





Summary the Student's Event

GIS Day 3: Fri Nov 21, 2025

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Introduction

Houston Area GIS Day took place across three days.

Day 1: Wed, November 19th for Workshops

Day 2: Thu, November 20th for Expo

Day 3: Fri, November 21st for Students

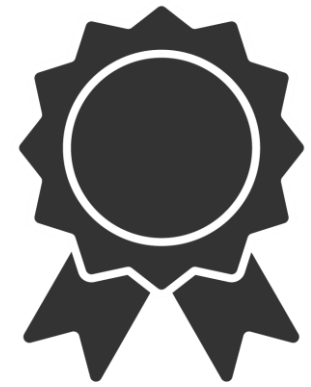
The venue was University of Houston Clear Lake Campus in their beautiful Student Services and Bayou Buildings.



Participation

Schools	District	Attendees
C.E. King High School	Sheldon ISD	30
Clear Lake High School	Clear Creek ISD	15
Energy Institute High School	Houston ISD	60
Spring High School	Spring ISD	40
		Total 145

Award Winners



GeoSpatial Game

C. E. King High School

GeoQuest Game

1st Place
Energy Institute High School

2nd Place
Spring High School

3rd Place
Clear Lake High School

Essay Contest

Deadline is December 10th.

Recognition

- + Sponsors
- + Volunteers
- + Speakers
- + Guests



Coming Soon!

- + Essay Contest Judging & Winner Announcement!
- + All Volunteer AAR
- + Start planning for 2026!



**Send us your
feedback!**

Thank You!

