



Annual Pass Youth Art Contest

Calling all fifth grade artists. You can design the next Padre Island National Seashore Annual Park Pass. The first place winning entry will be used on the 2026 Annual Park Pass!

Entry Guidelines

Each entry must include colorful artwork depicting the natural resources protected within the boundaries of the national seashore. Artwork will be printed in an area that is approximately 3” long X 2” high; fine details will not reproduce well. A completed entry form (below) must accompany all submissions. Only one artwork submission per child. **All entries must be postmarked no later than Sunday, August 31, 2025.**

- All artwork must be an original piece, created by a young artist who will be in fifth grade during the 2025/26 school year, and is a resident of the United States or its territories.
- Original artwork must be mailed (do not fold) to the address listed on the entry form.
- Artwork must be submitted on a standard 8.5” X 11” size paper.
- Media types may consist of crayon, ink, acrylic, water color, colored pencils, pastels, oil paint, chalk, charcoal, or torn paper. Digitally created art work is not accepted.

Judging and Prizes

Entries will be judged on design and accuracy of a scene that celebrates the seashore’s natural resources. Winners will be announced on October 1, 2025. If you have additional questions, please contact pais_visitor_center@nps.gov.

- The winners of the contest will be chosen by NPS staff via a “People’s Choice” format.
- National seashore staff will choose three entries to receive first, second, and third place.
- When choosing the top three entries, the staff will consider originality, composition and use of color.
- The national seashore superintendent must approve the top three winners.
- Prizes generously provided by Western National Parks.

1st Place Prize

- Annual Pass featuring winning artwork (available January 2026)
- \$125 in art supplies
- Padre Island reusable water bottle.

2nd Place Prize

- \$75 in art supplies
- Padre Island reusable water bottle.

3rd Place Prize

- \$25 in art supplies
- Padre Island reusable water bottle.

Entry Form

All entries must include this form. Entries must be postmarked by August 31, 2025.

Mail entires to:
Padre Island National Seashore
c/o Annual Pass Art Contest
PO Box 181300
Corpus Christi, TX 78480

Youth artist’s name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/legal guardian’s name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please cut off this entry form and tape it to the back of the artwork.

I understand that all submitted artwork becomes the property of Padre Island National Seashore and may be used for the purpose of advertising, promotion, etc. The winner’s name and artwork may be featured on the Internet. Artwork will not be returned.

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____ Date: _____