



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 2027 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 Monday, August 31, 2026.**

- All artwork must be an original piece, created by a young artist who will be in fifth grade during the 2026/27 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, 2026. 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 2027)
- \$75 in art supplies
- Padre Island reusable water bottle.

2nd Place Prize

- \$50 in art supplies
- Padre Island reusable water bottle.

3rd Place Prize

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

Entry Form Instructions

All entries must include the attached release form.

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

Entries must be postmarked by August 31, 2026.

Please print the attached Release for Use of Likeness, Image, Voice, or Sound form and include it in the mailing envelope with the artwork. This information will be used to contact the parents/legal guardians of the child if their artwork is selected as a winner. The NPS will only be using images of the youth artwork, not images of the child.

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.

For questions please contact us via email at PAIS_Visitor_Center@nps.gov.

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National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
NPS Form 10-3



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I hereby grant the National Park Service perpetual permission to use my name, likeness, image, voice, or sound appearing in photographs, video footage, or similar materials created on the date and/or at the event specified above.

I understand that these materials are government works in the public domain, and that the NPS may freely modify, reproduce, display, or distribute them in any media without limitation and without my approval or permission, with no monetary compensation to me. I understand that the NPS may use these materials in print and audio-visual publications, internet and web publication, promotional and educational materials, and broadcast or distance learning programs.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the National Park Service on behalf of the United States government from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate, have or may have by reason of this release or related to the use of these materials.

For Internal Use
Park or Program
NPS Staff Contact
Location(s)
Additional Information

Adult
I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and fully understand the content, meaning, and impact of this release.

Printed Name	
Signature	Date
Phone	Email

Minor Child (Under the age of 18)

Printed Name of Child/Children (Age)
Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian