

2004 Annual Wild Things Youth Art Contest Spotlight on Breton National Wildlife Refuge

Deadline for entries to be received: September 18, 2004

Sponsored by Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week with artwork depicting the plants, animals, and landscapes of Breton National Wildlife Refuge. All entries are due September 18, and will be displayed at the Wild Things 2004 Celebration in Lacombe, LA on October 2, 2004.

Eligibility: Children ages 5 thru 18 are eligible. Art will be judged in four age groups: ages 5 thru 8; ages 9 thru 11, ages 12 thru 14, and ages 15 thru 18. (Age as of Sept. 18, 2004) *Artwork must be original, recent work, and must not be computer generated.*

Subjects: All artwork must depict plants, animals, and/or landscapes found on *Breton National Wildlife Refuge*.

There will be two prize categories:
drawing (pencil, pen and ink, charcoal or pastel),
painting (oils, watercolors, tempera, acrylics)

Judging: First, second, third place, and honorable mention winners will be selected in each age group and category, plus a Best of Show winner. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

Deadline: Artwork must be **received** no later than Saturday, September 18. **The form below must be attached to the back of each entry.**

See additional rules and information on reverse

-----**Detach and tape to back of entry**-----

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____

AGE (as of Sept. 18, 2004) _____
CATEGORY (check one): DRAWING _____ PAINTING _____

TITLE _____
TEACHER NAME & SCHOOL NAME (if entering as part of a school class)

Additional Rules and Information for Contestants

A resource sheet with lists of suggested native plants, animals, and landscapes found on Breton National Wildlife Refuge is attached.

All flat work must be matted (mat board or poster board), but must not be framed. **The entry form must be taped to the back of each entry. No names or initials are allowed on the front of the artwork.**

Artwork will be judged on accuracy of representation as well as on creative expression.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at Wild Things 2004 on October 2nd.

First place winning art will become the property of Southeast Louisiana Refuges for one year, and may be used for display and publicity purposes. Winning art will be returned after one year.

Entries may be mailed to:

Art Contest, Southeast La. Refuges, 61389 Hwy 434, Lacombe, La 70445
or hand delivered to the Visitor Center at the same address.

All art must be received by September 18, 2004. The Visitor Center will be open from 9 am - 4 pm on Saturday, Sept. 18 to receive entries.

For more information phone (985) 882-2000 or 882-2021.

A Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of *Breton National Wildlife Refuge*

Breton National Wildlife Refuge was established 100 years ago, on October 4, by an executive order of President Theodore Roosevelt. It is the only refuge that he is known to have visited, on a trip that occurred in June, 1915.

The refuge includes 5,000 acres of barrier islands in the Chandeleur chain off the east coast of Louisiana. Breton's resources include: estuarine marshes, mangroves, barrier island beaches and dunes, saltwater mudflats, wintering waterfowl, small mammals. Saltwater fisheries, and endangered species.

Breton is home to the largest nesting colonies in the Eastern United States of the Endangered Eastern Brown Pelican, the Louisiana state bird.

Breton's barrier islands are a first line of defense in storm surge protection and the survival of threatened coastal wetlands in Louisiana. They are emblematic of the need to protect and restore coastal wetlands across the state.

The following is a partial list of plants, animals, and landscapes native to Breton National Wildlife Refuge. You are not limited to this list and may draw or paint any species or landscape native to Breton National Wildlife Refuge:.

Plants: Black Mangrove; Sea Oats; Seaside Morning Glory

Landscapes: Marsh; Dunes; Marsh fading into water, dunes with sea oats on them, etc...

Birds: Eastern Brown Pelican; Royal Tern; Sandwich Tern; Sooty Tern; Black Skimmer; Reddish Egret; Laughing Gull; Oyster Catcher; Willet; Red Knot; Sanderling; Magnificent Frigate Bird; Red-Head Duck

Other Species: Bottle Nose Dolphin; Loggerhead Sea Turtle; Diamond Back Terrapin; Blue Crab; Sting Ray; Red Fish; Speckled Trout

You may view the Chandeleur Lighthouse, found on Breton, by accessing the following web site:
<http://www.lighthousepot.com/database/uniqueighthouse.cfm?value=843>