



# Art Contest

OPEN TO AGES 5-14

SHOW US HOW YOU KEEP IT WILD IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CREATE A DRAWING THAT SHOWS HOW YOU RESPECT  
THE WILDLIFE WHEN YOU SHARE THE BEACH WITH THEM.

**SUBMIT BY JUNE 15TH**

ARTWORK WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE FORGOTTEN COAST SEA TURTLE FESTIVAL,  
GULF COUNTY TOURISM FACEBOOK PAGE & THE GULF COUNTY WELCOME CENTER.

ENTER BY EMAILING YOUR ARTWORK  
TO [LEAVENOTRACE@VISITGULF.COM](mailto:LEAVENOTRACE@VISITGULF.COM)  
OR DROPPING OFF ARTWORK AT THE  
GULF COUNTY WELCOME CENTER.

FOR FULL RULES PLEASE GO TO [VISITGULF.COM/KEEPITWILD](http://VISITGULF.COM/KEEPITWILD)





### **Keep It Wild Art Contest**

In Gulf County, we share our space with wildlife. Did you know that keeping the beach clean at night after a fun day in the sun helps all types of wildlife? Create a drawing that shows how you respect the wildlife when you share the beach with them.

### **Official Rules**

- The contest is open to all children living in the United States in the following age divisions: 5-8, 9-11, and 12-14.
- Participants may submit only one entry of original, creative, unassisted artwork.
- Entries should be no smaller or larger than 8.5 X 11.
- Entries containing either licensed or trademarked characters or images or celebrity likenesses will not be eligible to win and the submission will be disqualified.
- The work may be drawn in pencil, pen, charcoal, marker, or crayon. We are looking for hand-drawn colorful artwork – they should not use digital tools to create their artwork.
- Parents, guardians, or teachers need to print, complete, and sign an entry release form for their child's entry.
- Entry Release Forms and Artwork can either be emailed to [LeaveNoTrace@Visitgulf.com](mailto:LeaveNoTrace@Visitgulf.com) or dropped off at the Gulf County Welcome Center, 150 Captain Fred's Place, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456.
- Entries will be accepted from May 1st until June 15th. Three local artists and three non-local artists (One from each age group) that exemplify the idea of "Keep It Wild," will get chosen to have their artwork displayed at the Forgotten Coast Sea Turtle Festival on June 27th in Port St. Joe.
- After the Forgotten Coast Festival, each piece of artwork will be posted on Facebook on the Gulf County Florida Tourism page. Likes will be counted from June 30th until July 30th, the two pieces of artwork (one local, one non-local) will be our official "Keep It Wild" Art Contest winners. Winners will be announced on August 2nd via Facebook.
- The two winners will have their artwork displayed in the Gulf County Welcome Center for an entire year. There will also be a press release to The Port St. Joe Star Newspaper and to Visit Florida.
- Non-selected entrants will not be individually notified of the results.
- Children with special needs may receive assistance from parents, guardians, or teachers with their work. If assistance is given, please note this on the Entry Release Form.
- When the contestants sign their original, please sign in the right or left bottom corners ONLY.
- Any entries sent or dropped off at the Welcome Center, instead of emailing the photo, will not be returned to the artists unless arrangements are made by the artist's guardians for pickup
- Questions may be submitted by email to [LeaveNoTrace@Visitgulf.com](mailto:LeaveNoTrace@Visitgulf.com).



## Entry Release Form

Entrant's First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Full Mailing Address:

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Entrant's Age Division (circle): 5-8 9-11 12-14

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Media Used (please list all media used): \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Notes (please describe what the submitted piece means to the artist):

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By signing this release you give the Gulf County Tourist Development Council approval to reproduce the works in order to promote The Gulf County Tourist Development Council's "Keep It Wild" Art Contest and Leave No Trace initiative with marketing material such as, but not limited to brochures, public information materials, social media, and exhibits. You also agree that all artwork sent to the contest will NOT BE RETURNED to the artist.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: