

Our Mission

Artist Boat is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness & preservation of coastal margins & the marine environment through the disciplines of the sciences & the arts.



Our Workshops & Adventures Offer:

- TAKS/TEKS Aligned Activities & Topics
- Arts Enrichment
- Development of Effective Communication Skills
- Development of Kayaking Skills and Practical Application of the Laws of Physics
- Development of Social & Team Work Skills
- Enhancement of School Curriculum
- Four hour field-based adventure
- Hands-on Environmental Educational Activities
- Hands-on Science Education
- In Class Pre-Workshop
- Pre – Post Cross Curricular Lesson Plans On-Line

Proud partners:

Texas Education Agency
Gulf of Mexico Foundation
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Harris County Department of Education
Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund
Water-Borne Education Center
Galveston Historical Foundation
Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Young Audiences of Houston

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Youth Eco-Art Workshops and Adventures



Spirit Bird Artist Jose Turrubiartes - Bolivar Middle School Student

Combining the arts & sciences
for exploration and
appreciation of coastal
habitats.



Youth Eco-Art Workshops

Integrating art and sciences
in the classroom



Youth Eco-Art Adventures

Via kayak, vessel,
or foot

Come explore the following habitats:

- Armand Bayou - kayaking
- Christmas Bay - kayaking
- Drum Bay - kayaking
- Galveston Island State Park - walking or kayaking
- Galveston Ship Channel - vessel
- Houston Ship Channel - vessel
- San Jacinto State Historical Park - walking
- Smith Point - Oyster Lugger or Kayak
- Trinity River - vessel
- Cypress Swamp - kayaking

All vessels are Coast Guard certified.

Two-hour Eco-Art Workshops are delivered to students before Eco-Art Adventures. Workshops are interactive and include:

- 1) educational hands-on activities about the benefits, multiple uses, non-point source pollution, flora/fauna, and historical perspectives of the Galveston Bay system and Gulf of Mexico;
- 2) demonstration and application of artists' watercolor materials to interpret nature; and
- 3) introduction to Eco-Art Adventure interpreted tours of Galveston Island and Galveston Bay habitats.

"The integration of art and science turned this field trip into a terrific learning experience. I know that the students and adults left with a greater awareness of the value of our wetlands and the importance of their impact on our lives... we will all be better stewards of our natural resources."

Renee Brawner, Bolivar Elementary and Middle School

Artist Boat offers exciting field trip opportunities to student groups. Along with paddling and safety instruction, students can participate in hands-on outdoor environmental education activities. While exploring Galveston Bay's tranquil habitats, students make their very own watercolor painting to reflect creatively the immense beauty, wonder, and diversity of life contained in coastal margins.

Adventure activities include paddling lessons, birding, watercolor painting, studying & observing local ecology, and expanded science activities for walking and vessel based programs.

- Kayak or vessel adventures are available to groups of 26 participants for 6th-12th grades.
- Vessel adventures are available to groups of 32 participants for 4th-12th grades.
- Walking adventures are available to groups of 40 participants for K-12th grades.
- Habitat Restoration adventures are available to groups of 25 for 7th-12th grades.

Artist Boat Qualifications and Expertise

Eco-Art Programs are designed and delivered by professional interpreters holding Bachelor and Master's degrees in Marine Biology, Science, Environmental Education, Marine Resource Management, and Fine Arts. Interpreters and Board of Directors collectively have over 225+ years of experience in outdoor, environmental, art, and science education. Interpreters are American Canoe Association Certified Kayak Instructors, First Aid and CPR Certified and Certified Interpreters with the National Association for Interpretation.

Assistance with grant development and delivery of arts and environmental education programming is available upon request for schools.

Eco-Art Workshops and Adventures are in high demand. Contact info@artistboat.org to reserve your date or call (409) 770-0722 for more information or visit our website: www.artistboat.org.

"I enjoyed learning how to kayak...that was the most fun I've ever had in my life... I learned about the environment and ultimately about Galveston Bay."

Tia McCoy, GISD 7th grade student



A Partner in Education