

TEACHER RESOURCE GUIDE

COME EXPLORE THE NATURE AND CULTURE OF
ROCKPORT-FULTON AND ARANSAS COUNTY

Meet animals that live in our surrounding bays at the **Aquarium at Rockport Harbor**



Look back through time and see how an early Texas cattle baron lived at the **Fulton Mansion**



Reconnect with nature up-close and in person at **Goose Island State Park**



Explore the rich maritime history of our state at the **Texas Maritime Museum**



Explore an estuary and experience *Science on a Sphere* at the **Bay Education Center**



View nature through the eyes of an artist at the **Rockport Center for the Arts**



Learn about endangered wildlife at the **Aransas National Wildlife Refuge**

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PLANNING A FIELD-TRIP TO SEVERAL SITES

With so many educational venues to choose from in Rockport-Fulton and Aransas County, you can tailor your field experience to focus on nature and science, culture and history, or take an interdisciplinary approach when planning your trip.

Several of the sites featured in this guide are clustered together in or adjacent to Rockport Harbor, so there is no need to board the bus to rotate among them. These sites include the ***Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, Bay Education Center, Rockport Center for the Arts, and the Texas Maritime Museum.*** You may wish to spend a morning rotating among these sites on foot, then have lunch at the ***Rockport Beach Park*** before boarding the bus and heading for nearby ***Fulton Mansion, Goose Island State Park, or the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.*** Information about all of these sites is included in this guide.

For help in planning your trip, please see the contact information provided for each site in this guide. The education staff listed for each site will be happy to help you plan a rewarding and meaningful field experience for your students.

COME EXPLORE AND LEARN WITH US IN ROCKPORT-FUTON AND ARANSAS COUNTY



AQUARIUM AT ROCKPORT HARBOR

702 Navigation Circle, Rockport

The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor displays many different types of live, local marine specimens and houses exhibits that provide detailed information on the Gulf of Mexico and the local marine environment. Currently, there are 14 tanks on display, from 20 to 1200 gallons, which reveal many types of fish, crabs, and unusual marine life found in local waters. These tanks simulate different marine habitats, including the open Gulf, bays, seagrass beds, and artificial reefs.



K-12 Education Programs

Educational handouts are available that cover everything from details on hurricane preparedness to conserving the delicate marine environment. These interactive handouts enhance the learning experience by directing students to observe, sketch, and answer questions about the specimens and exhibits at the Aquarium. Educational materials target pre-K through 5th grade and are aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Educational activities also include coloring transfer stations and touch tables. Visitors normally spend about an hour at the Aquarium, but the displays, exhibits, and live specimens change frequently, making a return visit as interesting as the first.



Planning a Field Trip to the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor

Current visiting hours are Thursday through Monday, from 1 PM to 4 PM. Special tours are available for schools, churches, scouts, and civic groups, outside of the normal visiting hours. Special tours should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance, but most are scheduled months in advance to ensure that a docent is available to lead the tour. Adult chaperones must accompany students and tours are higher quality when the total group size is limited to 30 students. Admission is always **FREE**.



For more information about K-12 education programs at the Aquarium at Rockport Harbor please call: 361-729-2328 and visit our website at www.rockportaquarium.com.



ARANSAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

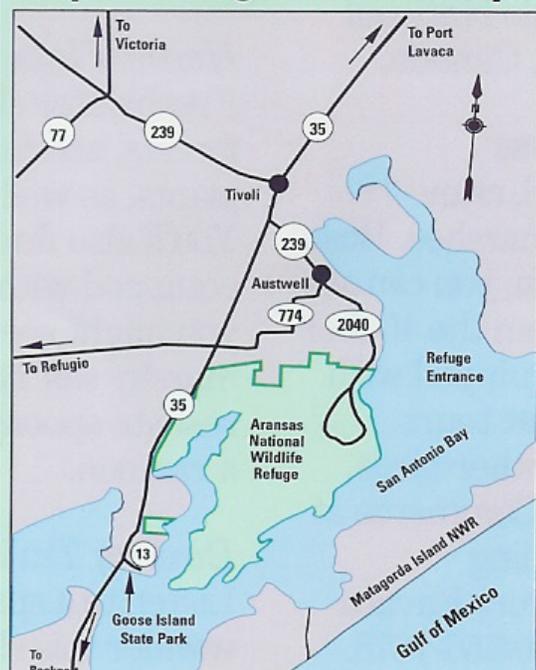
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MISSION

The National Wildlife Refuge System is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service operates the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). ANWR is comprised of 5 units totaling 115,000 acres, this includes; Blackjack Peninsula, Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuge, Tatton Unit, Lamar Unit, and Myrtle-Foester Whitmire Division.



Map of Refuge and Vicinity



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Resources and programs for teachers, students, and groups are available.
Focus area: wildlife, wildlife habitat management, estuaries and local ecology
Target groups: school groups of all ages, high school and university students, environmental education groups, elder hostels, and general public.

Refuge Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Visitor Center Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Refuge open: 30 min. before sunrise to 30 min. after sunset



Educational Resources at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge

ON-SITE PRESENTATIONS AND GUIDED WALKS including but not limited to: fish and wildlife management, birding, food-chain, endangered species, aquatic sampling, Refuge orientation and videos. Two weeks prior reservation required.

OUTREACH available for home schools, schools, organizations, and community groups



VAN TOURS sponsored by Friends of Aransas and Matagorda Island (FAMI) offered seasonally-during winter months

PRINT MATERIALS and resources available: brochures; mammal, wildflower, reptile, amphibian, bird lists and general ANWR information.

WILDLIFE AND NATURE BOOKS available in the Visitor's Center Book Store operated by FAMI.



MATAGORDA ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER offers beach, bay, upland, and marsh ecology classes for 8th grade to adult groups.

ARANSAS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE offers classes in biodiversity, bay ecology, beginning birding, track identification, fish and wildlife management, and food chain relationships.

YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING AREA offers overnight camping for use by groups participating in the environmental education program.



Educational Resources at the **Aransas National Wildlife Refuge**

SERVICE PROJECTS available upon request by phone, mail or email.

JUNIOR DUCK STAMP programs and information.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE!

For more information about K-12 education programs at the
Aransas National Wildlife Refuge:

Visit our official website at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/aransas/>

Please call **361-286-3559** to schedule a program.



BAY EDUCATION CENTER

121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport

K-12

Education Programs

*Explore an estuary in downtown
Rockport, Texas*

K-12 education programs at the Bay Education Center help students develop knowledge and skills in the life, earth, and physical sciences. Students participating in **field experiences** use scientific data to answer questions about the world around them. The questions posed are locally relevant, but the addition of *Science on a Sphere* (<http://sos.noaa.gov>) allows students to understand how global patterns, such as ocean circulation, weather, planetary movements, and climate affect the local environment. Interactive **exhibits** reveal the biological diversity and benefits provided by estuaries.



Planning a Field - Trip to the Bay Education Center:

- ★ Make a reservation at least two weeks prior to your visit
- ★ Plan to bring at least one adult chaperone for every 10 students
- ★ Field experiences are limited to a maximum of 24 students per program and *Science on a Sphere* programs are limited to a maximum of 60 students per program

K-12 Program Fees:

- ★ **Science on a Sphere** and Exhibit Tour* - \$1.50 per student; free for teachers and adult chaperones
 - * **FREE** for Aransas County ISD students, teachers, and adult chaperones
- ★ **Estuary Exploration** Field Experience - \$3.00 per student

For more information about K-12 education at the Bay Education Center please contact:
Carolyn Rose at 361-749-3152,
carolyn.rose@utexas.edu



Science on a Sphere at the Bay Education Center

Science on A Sphere© (SOS) is a display system designed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to help students better understand the Earth and space sciences.



General Information about SOS Programs:

SOS K-12 programs are offered Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and must be scheduled in advance. SOS programs last about one hour and include a tour of the Bay Education Center exhibits. SOS program topics and the TEKS covered are given below, however we will work with teachers individually to develop programs appropriate for their students. Please call 361-749-3152 for more information or to schedule a program.

SOS Program Topics and TEKS Covered:

Traveling through the Solar System:

Ancient Greeks called the planets “wanderers” because they seemed to wander through space, as they revolved around the sun. In this program, students will visit each planet in our solar system, along with a few moons and one very important star - our sun.

TEKS Covered:

Knowledge and Skills: §112.14 (8B, D); §112.16 (8C, D); §112.18 (11A, B); §112.19 (9A); §112.20 (7A, B,) (8B); §112.33 (5C) (6A) (8A) (9A, B) (10A, B, C); §112.36 (4B) (5D, E)

Ocean Connections:

Many people think of the Earth as having 5 different oceans, but we really have one global ocean with five basins that are all connected to one another. In this program, students will explore ocean connections, such as those between the ocean and our climate, food supply, and atmosphere.

TEKS Covered:

Knowledge and Skills: §112.19 (8A); §112.20 (7C) (10A, C) (11D); §112.32 (4A) (6A, B) (8B) (9A, C) (11A) (12A, C, D); §112.36 (12A, D) (13B) (14C) (15A, E); §112.37 (6A) (8A, B, E) (9A, B, D, F)

The Sky from Above:

Normally, we look *up* at the sky, but in this program students will view satellite images of the Earth’s atmosphere, taken from space. They will view the sky from above and examine the movements of hurricanes, clouds, greenhouse gases, and even airplane traffic.

TEKS Covered:

Knowledge and Skills: §112.16 (8A); §112.19 (8A); §112.20 (10C); §112.36 (13C, D) (15A, E); §112.37 (6A) (8A, B, D, E) (9A, B, D)

Field Experiences at the Bay Education Center

Field Experiences are offered Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and must be scheduled in advance. These hands-on, experiential activities require a time commitment of approximately two hours. Field experiences may be scheduled separate from SOS programs and exhibit tours or in conjunction with them. A general description of a field experience and the associated TEKS are given below, however we are happy to work with teachers individually to develop programs appropriate for their students. Please call 361-749-3152 for more information or to schedule a program.



Estuary Exploration:

Estuaries are places where rivers meet the sea and they are among the most important environments on Earth. These field experiences help students in **grades 5-12** understand that estuaries provide critical habitat for many organisms, including commercially important fishes, mollusks, and crustaceans. Students will use sampling equipment, dichotomous keys, and scientific instruments to collect and identify animals and plants in the Mission-Aransas Estuary and examine adaptations that help them survive.

TEKS Covered:

Knowledge and Skills: §112.14 (2B, D, F) (3A) (4A) (10A); §112.15 (2B, D, F) (3A) (4A) (9A, B) (10A); §112.16 (2B, C, D, F) (3A) (4A) (9A, B, C) (10A); §112.18 (2C, E) (3A) (4A) (12E); §112.19 (2C, E) (3A) (4A) (5A) (10A, B,) (11A) (12A) (13A); §112.20 (2C, E) (3A) (4A) (11D); §112.32 (3A) (5C, D) (10A, B) (11A) (12A, B, D); §112.34 (2F, G) (8B) (12A, C)

FULTON MANSION

state historic site

317 Fulton Beach Road, Rockport



Fulton Mansion Learning Experiences

Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, built in 1877 by George and Harriet Fulton, is not your average historic house museum! George W. Fulton, a self-taught inventor, cattle baron, and patriot of Texas, was intensely committed to education during his lifetime. In honor of George's love for learning, staff at Fulton Mansion provide object-based, multi-disciplinary learning experiences at the Victorian-era landmark and in classrooms around the Coastal Bend. All educational programs are TEKS-aligned and include minds-on/hands-on strategies and activities.

We provide two options for Educational Programs:

- Mansion Field Trips
- Fulton Mansion *On the Move*



The *On the Move!* option was developed to reach those classrooms who, due to bus funding or field trip restrictions, were not able to visit Fulton Mansion. With an *On the Move!* program, your students will take a themed tour of the Mansion via an interactive slideshow presentation followed by hands-on activities, group work and games. *On the Move!* programs are conducted by the Fulton Mansion Educator and all activity materials are included.



FULTON MANSION
Education Programs



Educational Programs at the Fulton Mansion

General House Tour:

Your students will embark on a themed, guided tour of the Fulton Mansion emphasizing the real life stories of the Fulton family.

TEKS: Social Studies: 4.3C, 4.4B, 4.9B, 4.12A, 7.1B, 7.3D, 7.6B, 7.10A, 7.20A

K-1st Grades-----Family Matters:

Hear the story of the Fulton family from the lips of Harriet Fulton herself, wife of George Fulton and matriarch of 6 children and 16 grandchildren. Compare this Victorian family's life and family life today. *The Family Matters* program includes a 20 minute tour of the Fulton Mansion focusing on the way of life of the Fulton family followed by a 30 minute family tree art activity.

TEKS: Social Studies K.2B, K.11, K.12, K.15, 1.15A, 1.16, 1.18

2nd-5th Grades----Rancher at Work

George Fulton had many jobs throughout his life, but most importantly, he built one of the largest ranches in South Texas! The Rancher at Work program includes a 25 minute presentation on the simple economics of George Fulton as a rancher and the Fulton Mansion as a product of his success. Students will explore 19th century ranch images and discuss cattle as a product, Mr. Fulton as a producer, and all hamburger-eaters as consumers! Activities include producing a chronologically-sequenced cartoon strip based on the George's work as a rancher.

TEKS: Social Studies (Economics) 2.8, 2.10, 2.17, 2.18, 3.9, 3.10, 3.16, 4.12, 5.13

4th Grade----The Real Stuff of Texas History

Fourth grade programs at Fulton Mansion tackle numerous Texas History topics from a local point of view.! Let us know where you are in your social studies curriculum, and we will fashion the best program for your class. We have primary sources and programming for the following topics:

The Republic of Texas • Cattle Industry • Railroads • Victorian Culture

TEKS: Social Studies 4.3, 4.4B-C, 4.12, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23

Educational Programs at the Fulton Mansion

3rd-6th Grades-----*Eureka! Inventions!*

The Fulton Mansion is a living example of Victorian-era innovation. Learn about the many new inventions of the period when George and Harriet lived in the home, and discover how many we still use today! The *Eureka! Inventions!* program includes a 30 minute innovation-focused tour and a 30 minute minds-on brainstorming activity.

TEKS: Social Studies 3.16, 4.20, 5.23; Science 3.3D, 4.2, 4.3D, 5.2, 5.3D

4th-6th Grades-----*Can You Handle the Suspense?*

One of George Fulton's many jobs included the engineering of the Covington and Cincinnati Suspension Bridge. This lesson integrates history and science as your students analyze historic photos and build a human suspension bridge. *Can You Handle the Suspense?* includes a 30 minute tour followed by an exploration of the physics behind suspension bridges.

TEKS: Social Studies 4.21B, 5.24B, 6.21B; Science 4.6D, 5.2, 6.2, 6.8B

4th-6th Grades-----*Mechanical Mansion*

George Fulton was a mechanically minded fellow, and Victorians in general appreciated anything that spun, reclined, or converted. *Mechanical Mansion* is a hands-on introduction to simple machines. On their 30 minute tour of the Mansion, students will be on the lookout for machines disguised as everyday objects! The program also includes group work for an object-based classification activity and a lever test.

TEKS: Science 4.2, 4.6D, 5.2, 6.2, 6.8E

4th Grade-7th Grades-----*Annual Creative Writing Contest*

Fulton Mansion is NOT haunted, but this program inspires students to use it as a creative backdrop for a Spooky Story. This program provides a fun opportunity for successful class writing assignments. Stories are judged in two age groups by five criteria: Creativity, Voice, Spooky Story Elements, Mechanics, and Fulton Mansion Focus. Schedule an *Introduction to Fulton Mansion and the Contest* in advance.

Deadline: Oct. 7, 2011. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

TEKS: ELA 4.15, 4.16A, 4.20-4.22, 5.15, 5.16A, 5.20-5.22, 6.14, 6.15A, 6.19-6.21, 7.14, 7.15A, 7.19-7.21

Educational Programs at the Fulton Mansion

CUSTOMIZE A PROGRAM:

We want to share our stories AND meet your classroom objectives. Please contact the Fulton Mansion Educator if you have a specific topic in mind or if you teach a subject not currently addressed by our programs.

Visit us on the web at www.visitfultonmansion.com. Find our current *Educators' Guide* and *Online Educational Tools* under > "EXPLORE" > "For Educators".

**For more information, contact the Fulton Mansion Educator: Lara Garner,
361-729-0386 ext. 21; lara.garner@thc.state.tx.us**

GOOSE ISLAND STATE PARK

202 South Palmetto Street, Rockport

Surrounded by St. Charles and Aransas Bays, Goose Island State Park (GISP) is located 10 miles north of Rockport, in Aransas County. The 321.4 acre park was acquired in 1931-1935 through deeds from private land owners and by a legislative act, setting aside state-owned Goose Island as a state park. The earliest park facilities were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the early 1930's.

The "Big Tree," named State Champion Coastal Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*) in 1969, is thought to be one of the largest in the nation. Estimated to be over 1,000 years old, the "Big Tree" has a height of 44 feet, an 89



The Big Tree at Goose Island State Park

foot crown spread, and a circumference of 35 feet.

K-12 Education Programs

FISHING WITH A RANGER - Species behavior, identification, adaptations, conversation, resources

EXPLORE THE BAY - Biodiversity, life cycles, adaptations

SHORELINE SCAVENGER HUNT - Classification, biodiversity, adaptation, resource conservation

BIG TREE EXPERIENCE - Ecosystems, biodiversity, adaptation, resource conservation

BIRDING PROGRAMS - (October – April) Species behavior, identification, adaptations, conversation, resources

For more information about K-12 education at Goose Island State Park please contact:

Janelle Rand at 361-729-2858, Janelle.Rand@tpwd.state.tx.us

and visit: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>



TIPS FOR PLANNING A FIELD TRIP TO GOOSE ISLAND STATE PARK



Amount of advance notice needed – one month



Student / teacher (adult) ratio - 10:1



Maximum number of students allowed – 40 (due to current staffing)



Time commitment – 3 hours



Best time of day/week for field-trips - Monday through Thursday



Each participant needs – closed-toed shoes that may get wet, suitable clothing for the day, sunscreen and possibly bug-spray, water as needed



Fee information – all programs are **FREE** with advance completion of fee waiver form

LIFE'S
BETTER
OUTSIDE.

Community Education

GO FISH! - A learn to fish “free” event for families with children 5 and older. Learn the basics of bay fishing through fun, hands-on activities. Achieve basic skills of assembling tackle, identifying fish, understanding fishing regulations, fishing safety and describing good fish habitat.

*For more information about K-12 education at
Goose Island State Park please contact:*

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and visit: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>**

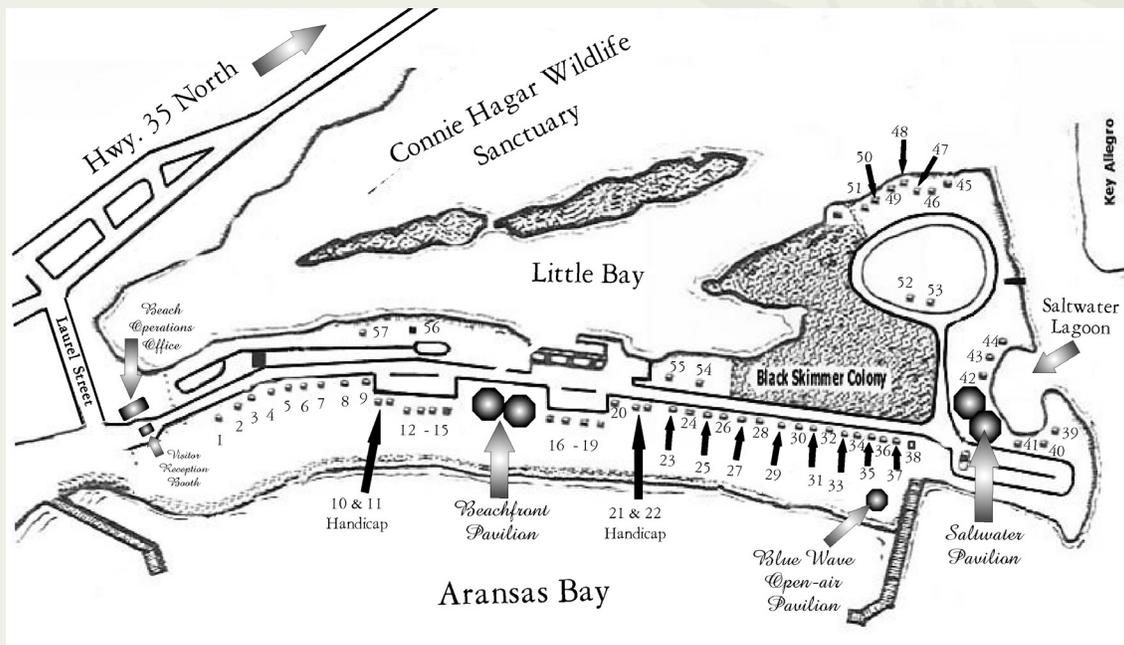


ROCKPORT BEACH PARK



Break for Lunch at Rockport Beach Park

School buses may enter Rockport Beach Park for **FREE**. However, any parent, teacher, or administrator coming into the Park in a personal vehicle will be charged an entry fee of \$5.00 per vehicle. The best place for school groups to eat lunch is the veranda in front of the Beachfront Pavilion restrooms (*see map below*). There is a volleyball court set up in front of the veranda and a few playscapes in the area. An alternative lunch location is the Blue Wave Open-air Pavilion, located further down the beach by the pier. The Blue Wave Open-air Pavilion has 6 picnic tables and an adjoining volleyball court, however, the restrooms are across the street on the lower level of the Saltwater Pavilion. If you would like to have lunch at Rockport Beach Park, please call 361-729-6661 to notify Park staff.





R O C K P O R T C E N T E R *for the* A R T S

Rockport Center for the Arts is an **art gallery** and **education center** that features three galleries displaying invited and **curated exhibits** which feature artwork of **regionally, nationally, and internationally acclaimed artists**. Exhibits rotate displays roughly every month, allowing the Center to display more than 100 original works of art a time. Our “backyard,” a 10,000 square foot **Sculpture Garden**, is home to works by internationally acclaimed granite sculptor and Rockport resident **Jesús Morales**, as well as **Kent Ullberg**, today’s foremost wildlife sculptor, and **Leo Osborne**, a silver medal recipient from the National Sculptor’s Guild. The building also houses two **visual arts classrooms** which are home to numerous **workshops, classes, paint-ins** and open studio sessions, and a **gift shop** where member artists sell a wide range of arts and crafts.



K- 12 Education Programs

What to Do?

- ★ Tour the exhibits
- ★ Explore the Sculpture Garden
- ★ Interact with customized activity guides and scavenger hunts
- ★ Participate in hands-on art activities
- ★ Reinforce concepts for other disciplines such as science, math, literature, etc.
- ★ Custom Experience, let us know what you’d like and we’ll make it happen!

Tips for Planning a Field Trip

- ★ Make a reservation at least two weeks prior to your visit for tours and interactive gallery guides. For customized visits and hands-on art activities please make reservations at least one month prior to your visit
- ★ Plan to bring at least one adult chaperone for every 10 students
- ★ Hands-on activities are limited to a maximum of 24 students per program

K-12 Program Fees

- ★ Gallery and Sculpture Garden Tours – FREE
- ★ Interactive Gallery Guides and Scavenger Hunts – FREE
- ★ Hands-On Art Activity - \$1-3 per student depending on supplies required for project
- ★ Custom experiences – fee handled on individual basis



For More information about K-12 Education Programs at Rockport Center for the Arts please contact the Education Director:

*Karen Ernst Mize
karen@rockportartcenter.com
(361) 729- 5519*



R O C K P O R T C E N T E R *for the* A R T S

Gallery Tours

Staff guided tours are available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and must be scheduled in advance.

Docent-led tours of gallery exhibits and Sculpture Garden are offered during regular business hours, Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and Sundays 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. without advance notice.

Sculpture Garden Discovery

Our sculpture garden contains both realistic and abstract works of art. A number of these realistic pieces depict endangered species found along the Gulf Coast including Ridley Sea Turtles and Whooping Cranes. These works are great bridges for discussions about not only art, but ecology and biology as well. The Rites of Spring which anchors the center of the garden is itself an ecological discovery sculpture, depicting two major environments in its foundation that are cleverly disguised for the student to carefully observe and discover.



Interactive Gallery Activities

Students can exercise their knowledge of the fundamentals of art in various projects while exploring the works of art in one of our three galleries. Art Scavenger Hunts are very appealing to young students and can be customized to grade level of tour group. Our exhibits rotate roughly every five weeks, so please contact us in advance for planning purposes. Information about upcoming exhibits can be found on our website, www.rockportartcenter.com. We are happy to work with teachers individually to develop programs appropriate for their students.

Art Workshops & Activities

Create an expressionist self portrait, paint an impressionist landscape, create a contemporary set of pop art prints, sculpt a ocean dweller or draw an underwater scene. The possibilities are nearly endless for activities. We'll work with you to develop a project to align with your lesson needs.

Custom Experience

We are more than happy to work with you to develop programming to serve your students educational needs, just give us a call and we'll start brainstorming today!



For More information about K-12 Education Programs at Rockport Center for the Arts please contact the Education Director:

*Karen Ernst Mize
karen@rockportartcenter.com
(361) 729- 5519*

TEXAS MARITIME MUSEUM

1202 Navigation Circle, Rockport

For over 20 years the Texas Maritime Museum, the only official maritime museum in the state, has used unique artifacts and engaging exhibits to educate and excite the public on Texas' rich maritime history. Let us tell the story of Texas through its maritime history starting with its early exploration and settlement featuring artifacts from the La Belle through the rise in nautical transportation, commerce and commercial fishing. Learn about Texas' Navy, both of them, or Rockport's construction of subchasers during WWII. Experience our more modern maritime history through our offshore oil and gas industry. After all of that history, science and technology steer the ship's wheel, explore our recreational fishing exhibit or enjoy the view from our observation deck, the highest point in Rockport. All educational programs are TEKS-aligned.



Planning a Field - Trip to the Texas Maritime Museum

Please make a reservation at least 2 weeks in advance of your visit.

Please bring at least 1 adult chaperone (over 18) for every 10 students attending.

ADMISSION FEES: \$1.50 per student
1 chaperone for every 10 students is admitted free
\$4.00 per additional adult

ARANSAS COUNTY ISD** students, teachers and chaperones are **FREE

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Closed on Mondays



K-12 Educational Programs at the Texas Maritime Museum

PEOPLE, PICTURES AND THE PAST

This program establishes a foundation in the subject of history. During this program, students are introduced to an historical figure and their impact in history. The program emphasizes history as a chronological subject, using terminology such as: history, past, old, today, and present. Students are encouraged to apply critical-thinking skills by applying information in verbal or visual forms, identify topics, and place historical events in sequence.

Recommended for Kindergarten.

THE LOST LA SALLE

This program helps students understand how Rene Robert Cavalier, Seieur de La Salle, a historical figure, impacted history. The program helps students to understand the concepts of time and chronology and like terms. Students are introduced to basic geography: directions (north, south, east, west), map symbols or describe relative location, map drawing to show places and routes. This program focuses on the purpose and importance of maps. Students will also learn to develop and implement observations skills through map activities.

Recommended for 1st grade. Optional 1st – 5th grade.

EXPLORERS EXPERIENCE

This program focuses explorers through different periods of history. During the program, students are introduced to chronological terminology such as: history, periods (such as years, decades, and centuries), time, past, present and future. The students will distinguish between different periods of time through historical, cultural and technological changes. They will also develop an understanding of how different people contributed to these different periods and experiences.

Recommended for 2nd grade. Optional 1st – 5th grade.

LA SALLE & HISTREASURE

This program helps students understand how Rene Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, a historical figure, contributed to the creation of new settlement. This program helps students understand economic and political reasons for exploration. Students also learn about human adaptation to new discoveries. Another focus of the program is the interpretation of history through historical artifacts. Students are able to develop observation skills and utilize critical thinking skills. The students develop an understanding of the importance of historical artifacts and documents, such as journals and maps.

Recommended for 3rd grade. Optional 1st – 5th grade.



K-12 Educational Programs at the Texas Maritime Museum

TEXAS COAST: EXPLORATION, SETTLEMENT & GROWTH

This program focuses on Texas history in relation to the coast. The program takes students through 3 major themes: exploration, settlement, and growth. During the Exploration segment, students develop an understanding for the cause and effect during exploration of the past and present. Historical explorers, such as Cabeza de Vaca and Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, are identified and discussed. The program also discusses modern day exploration through oil and gas. The Settlement segment covers early European settlements and ports as well as the immigration of Anglo settlers leading into the War for Independence and annexation into the United States of America. Students also learn about the development of Rockport/Fulton after the Civil War. The last segment covers the growth of Texas settlements through economic and technological means. This portion covers the fishing and shipbuilding industry.

Recommended for 4th grade. Optional 4th – 5th grade.

TEXAS NATIONALLY

This program focuses on Texas history in relation to the United States of America.

Recommended for 8th grade. Optional for 8th – 12th grade.

MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT Available: Your students will explore the exhibits of the Texas Maritime Museum in search of facts provided in the exhibit text. ~30 min.

CUSTOMIZE A PROGRAM

The Texas Maritime Museum has so many different aspects and possibilities which we would love to share with you. To create a program to meet your classroom objectives please contact the Education Director with a specific topic you would like to address during your visit.

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