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PARKS &
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CONNECT. CREATE. CELEBRATE.

"IF WE CAN GET ART AND NATURE INTO THE MINDS OF
YOUNG PEOPLE, THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD."

WYLAND.

2016

Get
To Know 

A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF ARTWORK, PHOTOGRAPHY,
AND WRITING CREATED BY AMERICAN YOUTH - FEATURING
WINNING ENTRIES FROM THE 2015 GET TO KNOW CONTEST.

Sunflower Rabbit
Yolanda C • Age 15
Presidio, TX
Big Bend State Park

www.get-to-know.org

2016

Rain does not fall often. volcanic rock is so black and so old. dog cholla is so spiny, they protect growing seeds. sangre del drago is good for brushing teeth. finding severed vulture wing is rare. chihuahuan desert is vast.

Chihuahuan Desert

Haf C, Age 9
Alpine, TX
Barton Warnock State Park



"Palo Duro Canyon"
CMT 2015

January



Puffy Goldfinch
 Gabriela G, Age 7
 McAllen, TX
 Falcon State Park

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The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But
I have promises to keep, and miles to go
before I sleep.

Robert Frost

Prickly Cactus at Sunset
Joel P • Age 7
Brenham, TX
Lake Somerville State Park



February



Happy Owl
Molly M, Age 9
Collinsville, TX
Eisenhower State Park

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Just living is not enough... one must have
sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.

Hans Christian Andersen

Sunflower Rabbit
Yolanda C • Age 15
Presidio, TX
Big Bend State Park



March

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Fun on the Lake
 Belyn S, Age 7
 Arlington, TX
 Daingerfield State Park

FEBRUARY
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13 Daylight Savings Time begins National Wildlife Week Begins	14	15 	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
20 First day of spring Palm Sunday	21	22 World Water Day	23 	24 Purim
27 Easter Sunday	28 Easter Monday	29	30	31 

APRIL
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2016

In the depth of winter I finally learned that
there was in me an invincible summer.

Albert Camus

White Delphinium Flower
Faith P • Age 15
Coppell, TX
Brazos Bend State Park



April



Painted Bunting

Marina V, Age 8
Victoria, TX
South Llano River State Park

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For in the true nature of things, if we
rightly consider, every green tree is far
more glorious than if it were made of
gold and silver.

Martin Luther



Everything's Bigger in Texas
Alyson A • Age 12
Colorado Springs, CO
Caprock Canyons State Park

May



Little Blue Bird
David L, Age 5
Bellaire, TX
Dinosaur Valley State Park

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Wherever you go, no matter what
the weather, always bring your own
sunshine.

Anthony J. D'Angelo



Circle
Jack F • Age 14
Weatherford, TX
Mineral Wells State Park

June



Under the Sea
 Bijoux D, Age 8
 Schertz, TX
 Galveston Island State Park

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5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10	11 National Get Outdoors Day (GO Day)
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19 Father's Day	20 ☉ First Day of Summer National Pollinator Week Begins	21	22	23	24	25 Great American Backyard Campout
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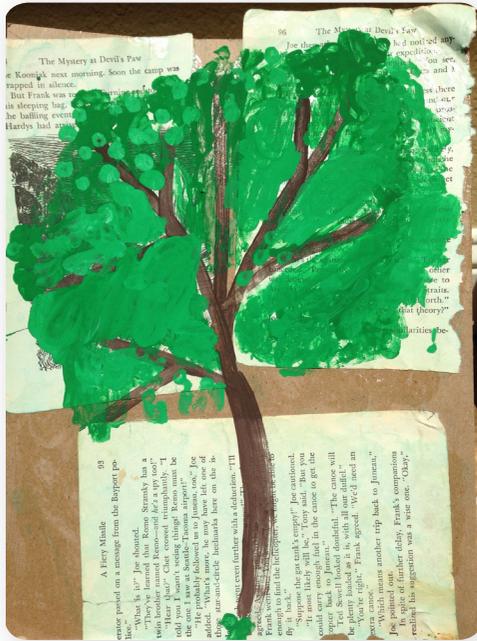
Look deep into nature, and then you will
understand everything better.

Albert Einstein



Raptor Bird
Caleb M • Age 7
Collinsville, TX
Eisenhower State Park

July



A Tree
 Julia L, Age 5
 Abilene, TX
 Abilene State Park

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And this, our life, exempt from public
haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in
the running brooks, sermons in stones,
and good in everything.

William Shakespeare

Lizard at Palo Duro Canyon
Audrey H • Age 17
Denton, TX
Palo Duro Canyon State Park



August



Tree line on the lake
 Anita K, Age 7
 Katy, TX
 Martin Dies Jr. State Park

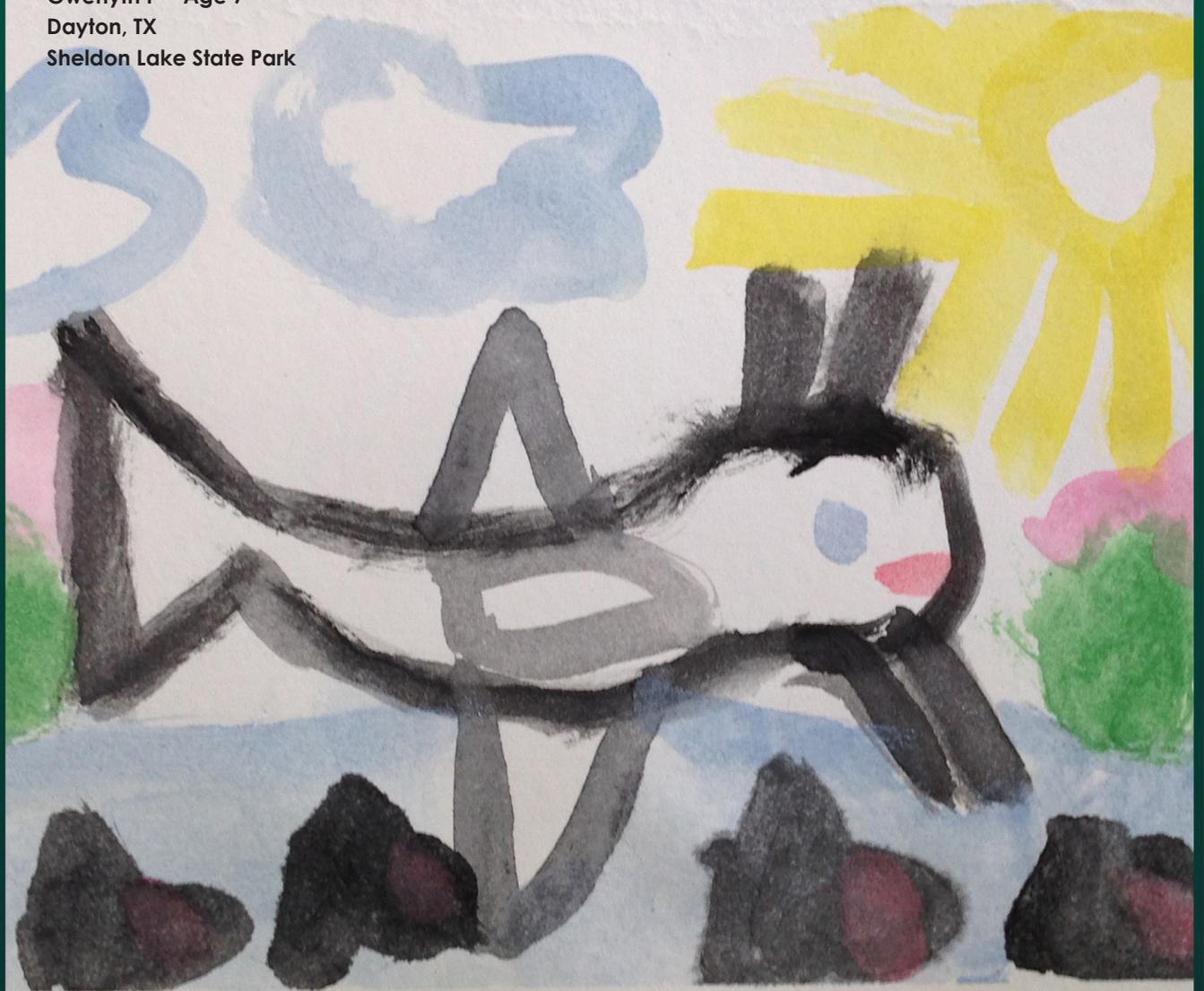
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2016

I thank you God for this most amazing
day, for the leaping greenly spirits of
trees, and for the blue dream of sky and
for everything which is natural, which is
infinite, which is yes.

E.E Cummings

Catfish
Gwenyth P • Age 7
Dayton, TX
Sheldon Lake State Park



September



Inks Lake #5
 Alyssa H, Age 14
 Cypress, TX
 Inks Lake State Park

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11 Grandparents Day	12 Yom Kippur	13	14	15	16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	17
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Sunset from Campsite
Jack P • Age 5
Fort Worth, TX
Galveston Island State Park

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Every flower is a soul blossoming in
nature.

Gerard De Nerval



October

SUNDAY

MONDAY

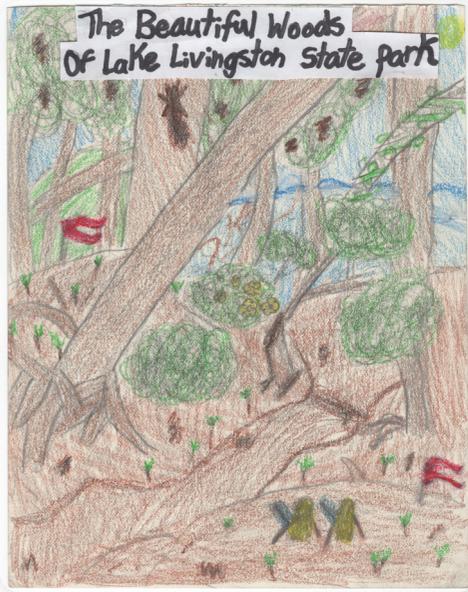
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The Beautiful Woods of Lake Livingston State Park

Rachael G, Age 8
Humble, TX
Lake Livingston State Park

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Unconference Begins

2 Unconference Ends	3 Rosh Hashanah Starts	4	5	6	7	8
9 Earth Science Week	10 Yom Kippur Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Make a Difference Day
23 30	24 United Nations Day 31 Halloween	25	26	27	28	29

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Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded
to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about
the earth seeking the successive autumns.

George Eliot

Indignant Owl
Joaquin G • Age 12
McAllen, TX
Bensen-Rio Grande Valley State Park



November



Sweet, Sweet Nature
Ariah L, Age 11
Austin, TX
Daingerfield State Park

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		All Saints Day				
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		America Recycles Day				
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	World Fisheries Day			Thanksgiving		
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It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.

Robert Louis Stevenson



Locust on a Tree
Kayla H • Age 13
Austin, TX
Palo Duro Canyons State Park

December



STATE PARK RESOURCES FOR KIDS

RANGER-LED PROGRAMS

We lead programs on birding, plants, animal tracks, stargazing, photography and much more. Check our events calendar (www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar/all-events) or at park headquarters to find a program near you.

FREE FISHING AND GO FISH!

Did you know you can fish at any state park for free? No fishing license is needed! Go Fish! programs help families learn the basics of fishing through fun, hands-on activities. For more information, visit our family fishing page: www.texasstateparks.org/freefishing.

TEXAS GEOCACHE ("GEE-O-CASH") CHALLENGE

Geocaching is the hunt for any of more than 2 million items cached (hidden) all over the world. In the Texas Geocache Challenge, you search for caches that reveal facts and stories about Texas State Parks. Your adventure begins at www.texasstateparks.org/geocache.

TEXAS OUTDOOR FAMILY

At our camping workshops, learn to set up and break down camp and a tent, start fires, cook outdoors, use a GPS and geocache. Rangers introduce you to fishing, kayaking and hiking. We provide the equipment and the experts. Find out more at www.texasstateparks.org/tof.

STARS OVER OUR PARKS

Texas is known for big, dark skies, making it the perfect place for stargazing. Enjoy stargazing at any state park, or check our events calendar (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar/stargazing>) for events and activities.

BUFFALO SOLDIERS PROGRAM

Our program teaches outdoor skills while making connections between history and culture. Texas Buffalo Soldiers deliver programs at schools, parks and community events. To learn more, visit www.texasstateparks.org/buffalosoldiers.

ARCHEOLOGICAL, CULTURAL OR HISTORICAL TOURS

Step through the doors of historic homes and inns, or explore frontier forts. Walk along the paths where the Buffalo Soldiers served or visit the birthplace of Texas. Our tours bring history to life! Find a tour near you: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar/all-events>.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

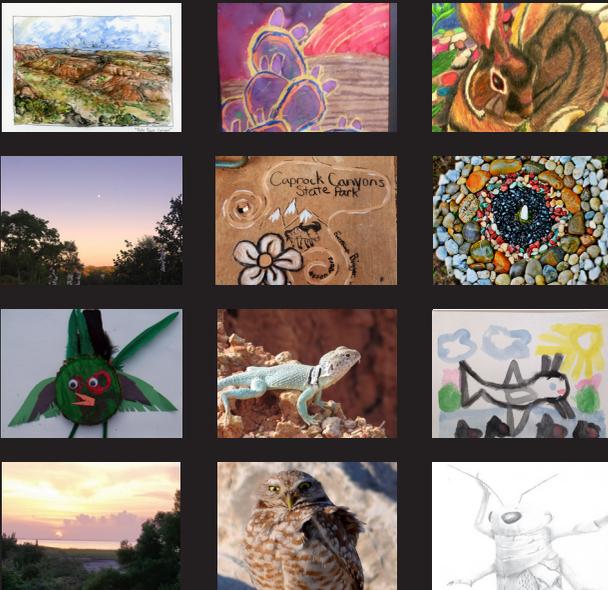
Help kids learn and explore! Our Junior Ranger Journals help kids learn about nature, by drawing, writing and observing. Our Junior Ranger Explorer Packs provide tools they can use to explore. To learn more, visit www.texasstateparks.org/juniorranger.

ARTS IN THE PARKS

Whether you draw, paint, write, take photos, shoot videos or create music, visiting a park can stir up your creative juices. Visit our Arts in the Parks page for resources and ideas: www.texasstateparks.org/artsinparks.

Get To Know

The Get to Know Program has been inspiring connections between youth and nature for over a decade. Robert Bateman, internationally renowned wildlife artist, and Mary Krupa-Clark launched the program in the Province of British Columbia in 2000. Today, the program works with diverse partners across the U.S. and Canada to deliver innovative initiatives that educate, inspire, and empower the next generation to care for the planet.



This calendar features winning art, writing and photography entries created by American youth who were inspired by nature.

www.get-to-know.org

“Once young people have a passion for the environment in their art, it will stay with them forever. If we can get art and nature into the minds of young people, they can change the world.”

Wyland,
Artist of the Sea



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“The Get to Know Contest provides a great opportunity for youth to get outdoors, get creative, and connect with nature. The connections they develop now will enrich their lives and inspire them to care for the environment for years to come. I am thrilled to be a part of the Get to Know team.”

Les Stroud,
Filmmaker, Outdoor Adventurer

The Get to Know Team would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Get to Know Contest. Without your generous support, we would not be able to run this unique and inspiring contest for youth across the U.S.

A big congratulations goes out to all the youth who spent time outdoors and participated in this year's contest. The caliber of artwork and creativity is fantastic.

We hope you continue to get outside, get to know nature and share your experience with us through art.

Mary Clark
Director, Get To Know Program