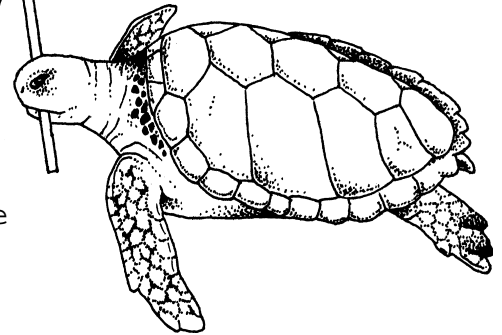
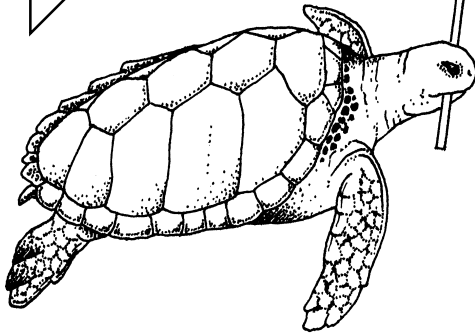


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Art Contest

Kids:

Enter your favorite
Sea Turtle Art!



The **Sea Turtle Restoration Project** is pleased to announce an art contest to help protect endangered sea turtles worldwide. This contest will assist our efforts to create a sea turtle *Marine Reserve* off the coast of Padre Island in Texas.

- **What is a Marine Reserve?** The KEMP'S RIDLEY Marine Reserve we want would protect the sea turtles by creating an area off the coast where commercial fishermen could not put out their nets (which catch over three hundred turtles a year, in Texas alone).
- **What is the Kemp's ridley sea turtle?** The Kemp's Ridley is the most critically endangered sea turtle in the world. Just 50 years ago, at least 40,000 females nested in a single day. Now less than 2,000 nest annually. It is devastating to the species that so many are caught in shrimp nets.
- **Why Padre Island?** More adult Kemp's ridley sea turtles wash up dead at Padre Island, the most important US nesting beach, than anywhere in the world.
- **Why are we holding an art contest?** The governor of Texas has refused to protect the Kemp's Ridley by declaring a marine reserve. We are holding this contest to bring attention to the need for a reserve and to show presidential candidate Governor Bush how important a reserve is to children around the country.
- **How to enter our art contest?** Tell the world how you feel about sea turtles.
 - Submit a drawing, painting, collage, poem or other art that features sea turtles.
 - Include your own message calling for a marine reserve.
 - We will send your art to George Bush and display it for others to enjoy!

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Contest Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY: Students in Grades 1-8 are invited to submit.

ENTRY SIZE: We prefer that you send your art on 8.5 x 11 inch paper, although up to 11 x 17 inch art will be accepted.

JUDGING: Entries are judged in two categories: the younger category contains grades 1-5 and the older category contains grades 6-8.

ON THE BACK OF YOUR ART, LIST YOUR: Name, Address, Phone Number, Grade level, Teacher's Name, and School's Name

DEADLINE: March 1, 2000

**New Winner Monthly
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WORK RETURNED: We regret that we cannot return entries.

PRIZES: Soft toys, T-shirts, Tote bags to the top 3 in each category.
GRAND PRIZE: Sea Turtle Eco-Package (Video, T-shirt & Tote bag)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We will send a list of winners to those who enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Mail Entries to:

SEA TURTLE RESTORATION PROJECT

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