



Sunday, April 21, 2024
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Acequia Park

Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest Rules and Event Information

The San Antonio River Authority (River Authority) is delighted to host Mission Reach Flotilla Fiesta – the official kayaking event of Fiesta! From arts and crafts, folklorico dancers, and a drum circle to free kayaking and a free outdoor fishing clinic, this Free Fiesta Event will get you outdoors to enjoy nature and the San Antonio River. Expect good music, delicious food, and a lot of fun!

Part of the fun will include a Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest. Contestants can enter one of the following categories: Viva Fiesta!, Nature & Sustainability, or Decorators Choice. Judging will be based on overall appearance, creativity, originality, and construction. Awards will be presented to the top 3 projects in each category.

If you are interested in participating in the Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest, please fill out an application online at: <https://forms.gle/TYFjshdWy8LqgnUQ9>. All contestants must register to participate, registration ends Monday, April 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM CST.

Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest Category Information

- Viva Fiesta – This category can be anything and everything related to Fiesta!
 - A float that floats, something colorful, or even a Chicken-on-a-Stick-on-a-Canoe
 - It can be fancy or fun, as long as you stay away from confetti
- Nature & Sustainability – This category can be anything related to wilderness or the environment
 - Turn your canoe into a woodland creature or build a stress-free scene of the great outdoors
 - Use upcycled materials or have your art encourage others to be a good steward of the land
- Decorators Choice – This category can be anything your heart desires...within reason
 - Construct a giant rubber ducky or a pirate ship, think in or outside the box
 - Something simple or super silly, have fun and make it memorable

Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest Judging Information

Judges will score each entry on the following areas:

- Overall Appearance – The charm and attractiveness of the entry
- Construction – The effort used, variety of building techniques
- Creativity – The “Wow” factor and inventive use of materials
- Originality – The unique approach to the theme

Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest Hours and Information

- Setup: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
 - All support vehicles must be moved to the parking area by 10:30 AM
- Event Hours: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Each entry must be setup by 10:30 AM
 - Each entry must be present throughout the event
- Tear Down: 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
 - Each entry must be present until 3:00 PM, tear down can begin at 3:01 PM
 - Vehicles will be allowed near event area once deemed safe by police

Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest Awards

The Top 3 scores from each category will receive an award:

- 1st Place – \$200 and a commemorative trophy
- 2nd Place – \$100 and a commemorative trophy
- 3rd Place – \$50 and a commemorative trophy

Canoe and Kayak Decorating Contest Rules & Information

- There are no fees to participate in this contest
- Entries will be displayed on land, not near the water
- Entries will not be allowed on the river, due to safety and litter concerns
- Participants must supply their own equipment and decorations
- Participants must supply their own display base, i.e. box, stand, or cart
- Display bases are not required
- Participants must sign and return an event release prior to the event
- Participants will keep their space clean throughout the event, properly dispose of all trash, and clean their space after the event
- Participants agree to allow use of video and photography by River Authority, any videos and photos taken by River Authority are the sole property of River Authority
- River Authority reserves the right to cancel the event at its sole discretion and will undertake best efforts to notify participants if the event is canceled in advance as well as inform participants of alternate event date, if any