



2026 SPICY TAILS ART SALE YOUTH ART CONTEST

Town Green Park • The Woodlands

YOUTH ART CONTEST DETAILS

Spicy Tails Art Sale (previously Arts in the Park) is a unique festival for local artists to exhibit their art for the community, in addition to a Crawfish Cook-Off. Spicy Tails Art Sale will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Town Green Park.

This spring, youth artists are encouraged to create their very own masterpiece and enter the Youth Art Contest. Artist submissions will be on display at the event and winners from each category will be recognized on stage during the festival.

THEME: CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 IN THE WOODLANDS

In honor of America's Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary), what's your favorite way to celebrate Independence Day in The Woodlands?

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Open to anyone 18 years of age or younger. There are three age categories:

- 7 years and younger
- 8 to 12 years old
- 13 to 18 years old



7 YEARS AND YOUNGER

- **Free draw “Celebrating America 250 in The Woodlands”.**
- Entry must be 8.5” x 11”.
- All paper types will be accepted (no computer-generated images).
- Entry must include artist name, age and parent/guardian contact details (name, email address and phone number) printed on back.
- Only one entry per person.



8 TO 12 YEARS OLD

- **Free draw “Celebrating America 250 in The Woodlands”.**
- Entry must be a minimum of 8.5” x 11” and maximum 11” x 17”.
- All paper types will be accepted (no computer-generated images).
- Entry must include artist name, age and parent/guardian contact details (name, email address and phone number) printed on back.
- Only one entry per person.



13 TO 18 YEARS OLD

- **Free draw “Celebrating America 250 in The Woodlands”.**
- Entry must be on a minimum of 11” x 17” and maximum of 16” x 20”.
- Any art media or materials may be used (no computer-generated images).
- Entry must include artist name, age and parent/guardian contact details if artist is under 18 years of age (name, email address and phone number) printed on back.
- Only one entry per person.



JUDGING AND PRIZES

- Submissions will be judged based on the following criteria:
 - Creativity and originality
 - Artist interpretation of the theme
 - Quality
 - Overall impression of design
- First, second and third place winners will be selected for each age group. Judges’ decisions are final.
- Winners will be notified by Wednesday, March 11, 2026 and are encouraged to attend the event.



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RULES

- Only one entry per person will be accepted.
- Entries received after Monday, March 9, 2026 will not be eligible for prizes but may still be displayed at the festival.
- All entries must be the entrant's original work.

SUBMISSION

- Art submission, entry form and participant waiver must be received by or delivered to The Woodlands Township no later than 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2026.

The Woodlands Township
Attn: Special Events
2801 Technology Forest Boulevard
The Woodlands, Texas 77381

- Artists will be able to pick up their submissions during the event or from The Woodlands Township Offices beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2026. No submissions will be mailed back to the artist.

For more information, please contact:

The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department
2801 Technology Forest Boulevard; The Woodlands, Texas 77381
Phone: 281.210.3800
Email: specialevents@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov



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ARTIST ENTRY FORM & PARTICIPANT WAIVER

Artist name _____ Artist age _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

IF ARTIST IS UNDER 18:

Parent/guardian name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Please provide a brief description of the submission: _____

By entering the contest, each contestant and/or parent/guardian agrees the submission is the artist's original work and consents to use of the artist's first and last name, artwork and age group during the Spicy Tails Art Sale event and related promotions without further permission or approval.

Signature of artist, parent or legal guardian _____

Printed name _____ Date _____

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The Woodlands, TX

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in any program, activity or event, (referred to herein as the "Program") sponsored by, performed by, or in any way involving The Woodlands Township, I, as Participant, or if Participant is a minor, as parent or guardian of the minor Participant (herein referred to as "I") and intending to be legally bound do hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I hereby waive, discharge, and release any and all rights and claims for damages whether based upon negligence or any other theory of law, which I, or my child, heirs, agents, representatives, or assigns may have against The Woodlands Township, and its affiliates, agents, representatives, assigns, or successors including, without limitation, any officers, directors, shareholders, agents and/or employees of or associated with The Woodlands Township, the municipalities or counties in or through which the programs or events take place or are conducted, as well as any other person, entity or sponsor connected with the Program and any of their affiliates, agents, representatives, assigns, successors, officers, directors, shareholders, and employees, for any and all injuries or damages which I, or my child, may suffer while taking part in the Program.

2. I hereby assume any and all of the foregoing risks resulting from my, or my child's, participation in the Program and accept all personal responsibility for any resulting damage including, but not limited to, injury, permanent disability or death

3. I hereby verify that I, or my child, am/is in good physical health and able to participate in and/or complete the Program.

4. **I HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ALL LIABILITIES FOR ANY INJURY WHICH MAY BE SUFFERED BY THE PARTICIPANT ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH HIS/HER PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM.**

5. I have read and fully understood this Waiver and Release. I further understand that by participating in the Program, I/we will have waived substantial rights.

6. I have knowingly and voluntarily agreed to this Waiver and Release.

FOR PARENTS OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

I affirm and acknowledge that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for the Participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided by the Waiver and Release herein,

MEDIA/PHOTO WAIVER:

I hereby authorize and give my full consent to The Woodlands Township and their agents and assigns to take, copyright and/or publish any and all photographs, videotapes and/or film (the "Media") in which I, or my child, may appear while participating in the Program. I further authorize that The Woodlands Township to transfer, use or cause to be used, the Media in any exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercials, art and advertising purposes, without limitations or reservations

Printed Name of Participant

Program/Event

Signature of Participant, Parent or Legal Guardian

Date