

# Art for Ocelots! Contest

## The Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge is hosting an art contest

Students of all ages (kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>) are invited to submit an 8x10 drawing/painting that highlights ocelots in their habitat.

*Every student that enters will receive one child's ticket to see the Rio Grande Valley Ocelots FC. The top 12 drawings/paintings will be on display at the Ocelot Conservation Festival held May 1, 2011 at Dean Porter Park (across from Gladys Porter Zoo) in Brownsville, Texas. Prizes for top winners will be given on the day of the Ocelot Conservation Festival.*

**Deadline for all artwork to be submitted is April 8, 2011.**  
**Teachers must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope**  
**with the student's artwork.**

## Subjects should include: An ocelot in their habitat at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

### Things You Should Know:

- Art work must be submitted no later than March 31, 2011 to be considered
- Be sure to include your full name, grade, address, daytime phone #, and the school you attend
- Teachers will need to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the packets for students to receive their free RGV Ocelots FC tickets.
- A panel of judges will determine the winners. The top 12 winning images will be announced at the Ocelot Conservation Festival held May 1, 2011 at Dean Porter Park in Brownsville, Texas.
- Only winners will be contacted
- Images will not be returned to the artist
- This art contest is a fundraiser for the Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. The Friends are trying to raise money to benefit the ocelot, a small cat that is only found here in the lower Rio Grande Valley and is very close to becoming extinct in the United States. Funds raised will help buy radio collars, telemetry equipment, trip cameras and many other important tools used to study and protect ocelots.

Mail artwork to: Friends of Laguna Atascosa NWR  
22817 Ocelot Road  
Los Fresnos, TX 78566

**For more information about the contest, call 956-748-3607**

**To learn more about the Friends and the Ocelot Conservation Festival, visit  
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