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Celebrate Back to School at AMSET's next Free Family Arts Day, August 10!

(Beaumont, TX; July 11, 2024) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) will present its popular Free Family Arts Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Visit AMSET in downtown Beaumont for a creative day of art activities, celebrating back to school, and recycling!

With a theme of 'Don't Mess with Texas, Mess with Art!', children and their families are encouraged to explore the museum and create artwork with recycled materials. Art activities are also inspired by AMSET's current exhibitions, *Mundos Pequeños: Miniatures from the John Gaston Fairey Collection of Mexican Folk Art* and *Dreams, Screams and Fantastical Things* on view July 20 – September 15, 2024.

Art activities include Tin Can Planters, Exquisite Corpse (collaborative drawing), Perspective Art Gallery, Miniature Clay Creation, Cork Sculpture, African Mask (bring your own empty milk jug or detergent bottle), and Temporary Tattoos.

Complimentary punch and cookies will be provided. A concession stand serving ballpark-style food will also be available. There will be two performances from Gator Country at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and the LifeShare Blood Center will be onsite from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Throughout the day, AMSET will raffle off backpacks full of school and art supplies. Visitors are encouraged to bring empty water bottles and soda cans for recycling.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public and all materials are provided. For more information, visit amset.org or call (409) 832-3432. Be sure to follow AMSET on Instagram and Facebook for up-to-date info on all events, education programs, and exhibitions- @amsetx.

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