

ArtFest FORT MYERS February 6 - 7, 2027



Southwest Florida's leading Chalk Street Painting experience for High School Students.

Theme:

- **IMAGINE TOMORROW**- A forward-thinking theme inspired by innovation, technology, sustainability, AI, and futuristic cityscapes.

Eligibility:

- All Lee County Public, Private & Homeschooled High School students are invited to participate in the Chalk Block Street Painting experience. Art teachers from all schools are encouraged to register teams.

Application Process:

- The Chalk Block application is online at ArtFestFortMyers.com/ChalkBlock
- It is highly preferred that teams apply online
- Each teacher must submit an entry form for each team they are representing
- Every student must submit a student registration form
- Deadline to Enter December 4, 2026

Confirmation of team status will be sent via email to each student and their teacher by December 11, 2026

Participation:

- Team = 3 High School Students in grades 9 - 12
- Schools are welcome to submit more than one team
- We want to ensure that all schools have an opportunity to participate, and spaces will be allocated.
- 40 Chalk Block Street Painting spaces are available

On-site professional chalk artists:

- Sharing their knowledge of this art form with the students
- Judging the chalk street painting competition
- Creating their art pieces
- Student should visit ArtFestFortMyers.com/ChalkBlock for helpful videos and resources

Judging criteria:

Use of Theme • Impact • Presentation • Cleanliness • Creativity/Originality • Group Cooperation

More information at ArtFestFortMyers.com/ChalkBlock or call us at (239) 768-3602

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- **Friday, December 4, 2026:** Entry Deadline
- **Friday, December 11, 2026:** Confirmation emails are sent out to all qualifying teams
- **Saturday, February 7, 2026:**
 - Students and adult chaperones report to the competition area by 7:30 am to check-in
 - Student artist teams will create a chalk street painting that measures 6'x6' on the asphalt surface at ArtFest Fort Myers 2027 between the hours of 8 am to 3:30 pm
 - Teams are provided one box of assorted pastel chalk, tape measure, chalkboard erasers, hairspray, baby wipes, and a container for chalk
 - Teams must complete their entire chalk drawing by 3:30 pm on Saturday
 - Judging of all entries will be completed by the professional chalk artists between 3:30 pm and 4:15 pm, with winners announced at 4:30 pm

Reminders:

- Do some research! Resources can be found at ArtFestFortMyers.com/ChalkBlock
- Explore YouTube and Google for techniques and tips
- **Please read the Rules of Entry carefully**

2027 Theme

“IMAGINE TOMORROW”

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2026- Chalk Block



2026- "Together We Rise"

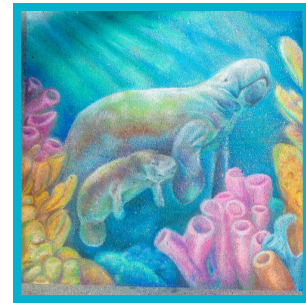


2026- Chalk Block

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- **2027 Theme:** This year's theme is **"IMAGINE TOMORROW"**
 - The possibilities are endless - see how far your imagination will take you! Don't just use the first idea that comes to mind.
- **Grid your image ahead of time:** Since you are working in such a large space, it is easy to get lost in your drawing and become confused about where everything needs to go.
 - Create a grid of your image beforehand to help you stay on track during the competition.
 - Visit GridDrawingTool.com to create a grid of your image for free!
- **Guidelines for choosing art for a Chalk Street Painting:** The primary goal for choosing an image is originality.
 - An image, a color scheme and an idea that will stand out!
 - Your work must be original.
 - You will be working in a 6' x 6' square so keep that in mind when picking your team's image.
- **Your clothing and shoes will get dirty.** We suggest wearing a thick pair of socks.
 - You could ruin your shoes.
 - Bare feet will pick up the chalk and smudge your artwork.
 - If you wear socks please be sure they are thick enough to still protect from the asphalt.
 - Do not walk beyond your artwork without shoes on; safety comes first!
- **Be prepared for anything!** Sometimes the weather is not on our side, so please keep that in mind when planning your supply list.
 - You are strongly encouraged to bring either a tarp, shower curtain, or heavy plastic to protect your work in case of rain.



What ArtFest provides your team:

- Assorted chalk pastels
- Tape measure
- Chalkboard erasers
- Hairspray
- Baby wipes
- A container for chalk

What ArtFest provides to share:

- Chalk Line to help grid out your space
- Blue tape for your border
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer
- Each team can choose 5 extra sticks of pastels
- 2 White Chalk (if needed)
- 2 Black Chalk (if needed)

What your team brings:

- 3 Color copies of art grid
- Gloves, cloth, sponge for blending
- Rain preparedness items- plastic tarp or shower curtain
- Old socks/surgical gloves
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, hand held umbrella
- Yard stick

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Chalk Block Rules of Entry

- All artwork submitted must:
 - Follow the announced theme
 - Be pre-approved by the team teacher/supervisor
 - Be produced exclusively by the students submitting the artwork
- Teams must have three students – no other help from adults or teachers
- All artwork must be produced within a designated 6' x 6' square, using only pastels supplied by ArtFest Fort Myers. No pastels can be brought from home or the classroom.
- The provided team sticker must be displayed for the entirety of the competition.
- On Saturday, February 6th, 2027:
 - The Chalk Block registration begins at 7:30am north of the intersection of Edwards Drive and Hendry Street, at the Chalk Block Tent.
 - Upon arrival, teams will register and choose their 6' x 6' square.
 - Saving spaces for other teams will not be permitted.
- All student Chalk Street Paintings will be judged at end of day on Saturday, February 6th.
 - Ribbons and certificates will be distributed to the winning team members.
 - Judges decision is final.
- The criteria for judging will be: Use of Theme, Impact, Presentation (neatness/cleanliness included), Creativity/Originality, and Group Cooperation.
- No radios, speakers, or pop up tents will be permitted.
- A shirt must be worn at all times.
- The only "border" you can use to mark your space is tape. Cardboard or paper is not allowed. Your ability to work neatly affects your score.
- ArtFest Fort Myers reserves the right to enforce all rules and violation of rules may result in revoking of any privilege associated with participation in the Chalk Block.

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Please contact us for any support you or your students may need.

We love to help!

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