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MEDIA ALERT
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WHO: Haas Middle School Students and Scientists and Researchers with the Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
WHAT:  Artist Boat Kayaking Adventure and Outdoor Classroom
WHEN:  Friday, April 16, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
WHERE:       Lighthouse Lakes Paddle Trail on Texas Highway 361 in Port Aransas

Haas Middle School Students to Take Kayaking Adventure
Harte Research Institute Scientists Will Help Participants Collect Specimens

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Around 20 students from Haas Middle School will take kayaking lessons and explore the wetlands during an Artist Boat Adventure on Friday, April 16, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Lighthouse Lakes Paddle Trail in Port Aransas.

The adventure is one of eight that a total of 160 Haas Middle School students will take in April that are being funded by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi through the Ed Rachal Foundation. During Friday’s adventure, scientists and researchers from the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, including Executive Director Larry McKinney, will work with the students as they collect wildlife specimens and water samples, and provide hands-on interactive lessons.

The Lighthouse Lakes Paddling Trail is a series of four loops ranging in length from 1.25 miles to 6.8 miles. The adventures promote awareness of coastal ecology and marine environment through the sciences and arts.

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