Welcome to Padre Island National Seashore! We have rolling dunes and coastal prairie grasslands awaiting your discovery! While you are visiting our park be sure to drink water, wear sunscreen, and watch out for jellyfish and stingrays. If you enjoy your lunch while you are here be sure to watch out for the birds as they may try to steal a bite.

Below you will find both a land and water activity. Although you are welcome to do both you only have to do one to complete your challenge. Drawing space is available at the end of the worksheet. Find your age group below:

- 🐢: 9 & under
- 🦆: 10-15
- 🐆: 15 & up

**Land Activity**

Calling all turtles! Find yourself a nice shady place to sit outside where you can be totally quiet, first with your eyes closed then with them open. Pretend you are a plant or animal relaxing in the sun. After a few minutes of silent listening and watching start writing and/or drawing some of the things you notice.

- What colors do you see?
- What sounds do you hear?
- How do things feel?
- Which things are different?
- Can you feel the sand between your toes?
- Are there any clues to the season?

Calling all Pelicans! Complete the turtle activity, then incorporate some notes into your drawing. What plants and animals do you see? What is their role in the environment? Compare and contrast two similar plants or animals.
Calling all Dolphins! Complete both the turtle and pelican activity, then take some time to reflect. Now that you have spent time enjoying the pristine sounds of nature what is it that comes to mind? Are you thinking about the upcoming school year, a new job, or perhaps you’re reflecting on your time here at Padre Island. How do you feel?

Water Activity!

If you are ready to get wet and have fun, join us for a Ranger led Beach walk or Hidden Treasures program! Then take some time to explore the shoreline. Do you see any fish, crabs, shells, or shrimp hiding safely beneath the sand? If you watch closely do you see any dolphins swimming in the distance? Are there any birds nearby? How can we protect things living creatures?