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## **Raymond Laborde Correctional Center to Host Annual Arts & Crafts Expo**

*Individuals and families are welcome to attend event*

BATON ROUGE, LA. – The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections would like to invite the public to the third annual Raymond Laborde Correctional Center (RLCC) Arts & Crafts Expo on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The outdoor event will take place on the RLCC grounds at 1630 Prison Road in Cottonport, Louisiana.

Individuals can purchase a \$5 admission ticket at the gate and the only acceptable form of payment is cash. Parking is free as well as entry for children 12 and under. As a convenience, there will be an on-site automatic teller machine or ATM located at the Credit Union.

The event will showcase paintings, leatherwork, woodwork, jewelry, and other handcrafted items created by the inmate population at RLCC. Concessions such as nachos and popcorn will be available for purchase.

“Each piece reflects the skill and dedication developed by the men at RLCC,” said D. Brent Thompson, warden, Raymond Laborde Correctional Center. “From paintings and leather goods to furniture and metalwork, the expo highlights a wide range of handcrafted items available for the public to enjoy and purchase.”

Proceeds go towards the inmate’s account and helps them prepare to reenter the community, which works to lower recidivism. This event typically attracts more than 200 visitors from neighboring parishes. As a security measure, the public is reminded that drugs, alcohol and weapons are not permitted on the premises, as these items are considered contraband.

For more information about the arts and craft show or to obtain a media pass, please email [DOCCcommunications@la.gov](mailto:DOCCcommunications@la.gov).

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