



Photo: G.P. Schmahl

Contest Rules

1. Pick a suitable name for the manta ray you see pictured on this page.

2. Stop by Angleton Library and fill out an official Manta Contest Entry Form

OR

Send a completed Entry Form (on the back of this page) to Manta Contest, Angleton Library, 401 E. Cedar, Angleton, TX 77515

OR

Email all of the entry form information to

laynal@bcls.lib.tx.us.

Write "Manta Contest" on the subject line of your email.

3. Only one entry will be accepted per person. (Addresses will not be used for anything other than contest correspondence.)

4. Deadline for entries is Monday, November 30, 2015. Late entries will not be considered.

Name a New Manta Contest

Manta Catalog

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary is home to over 70 different manta rays. Each manta has a unique design on its underside that allows us to identify it. The design is a combination of black and white spots, squares, blotches, etc.

The identified manta rays are listed in an online Manta Catalog:
<http://flowergarden.noaa.gov/science/mantacatalog.html>

Keeping track of manta rays allows us to understand how many different animals are in the area and the different parts of the sanctuary they are visiting.

New Manta

Below and to the left are photos of a new manta ray that has not yet been added to our Manta Catalog. She was spotted at East Flower Garden Bank in July 2015.



Unidentified manta ray at East Flower Garden Bank in July 2015.

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As we update the Manta Catalog to include this manta ray, we will assign her a number like all of the others, but we'd also love to give her a name. That's where you come in...

See what you can learn about manta rays by visiting the online Manta Catalog or checking library resources.

Look at the patterns on her belly. Think about where she was seen and when. How do we know this is a female? What do you think we should name her?

Prize

The contest winner will receive a copy of the Window in the Waves DVD about Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. The selected name will also be included in the updated Manta Catalog



Close up view of manta markings. The small spots at the bottom of this photo are bubbles from scuba divers and not part of the manta's markings.

Manta Contest Entry Form

Please be sure to print legibly.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Manta Name: _____

I picked this name because:

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