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RIVER KIDS AFTER-SCHOOL ART PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

(VICKSBURG, MS): The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation's free after-school art program will begin on August 20th. Open to any child in 1st through 6th grade, the program will accept 60 students for the class on Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

The River Kids Program is designed to encourage children to discover and develop their creative talents. It will expose creativity through drawing, painting, crafts, collage, ceramics, sculpture and many more exciting techniques. Experienced and accredited educators, Karen Biedenharn and Kathy Gibson, plan and teach each class.

The program is free, but will require a full semester commitment from the parents. It will be filled on a first come, first served basis. To register, call the Southern Cultural Heritage Center office at (601) 631-2997 or email info@southernculture.org.

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