



# DRAGON-BOX CONTEST

All child care centers in Northeast Louisiana are invited to participate in an exciting new initiative hosted by the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana:

## Baby Dragons on the Bayou "Dragon-Box" Contest

We want kids actively participating in the upcoming 2024 Dragon Boat Festival, so we are hosting a contest that encourages child care centers like yours to fire up the creativity of your little ones.

We are asking each participating center to create majestic dragons out of shoeboxes and art supplies. It's a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their imagination and artistic skills! Pinterest has some great ideas for inspiration for creating your Dragon-Boxes!

### Here's How It Works:

Each child care center can submit up to three Dragon-box creations. Simply take photos of your Dragon-Box creations and email them to [bmcnamara@childrenscoalition.org](mailto:bmcnamara@childrenscoalition.org) by Friday, March 29, 2024. The judging will take place on Facebook from Monday, April 1, to Friday, April 5, 2024. Encourage your families and friends to vote for your Dragon-Boxes during this period!

### Why Participate?

It's a fun and creative activity for the children that aligns perfectly with the spirit of the Dragon Boat Festival. Your center will have the chance to win a brand new "Dragon" Wagon for the three centers with the most voted Dragon-Boxes! All participants are invited to showcase their creations in the Kickoff Parade at the Dragon Boat Festival on Bayou Desiard, happening on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Additionally, we are hosting a Shoebox Diaper Drive to support our Family Resource Center and Early Head Start families. Donations will be collected through Friday, March 29, 2024.

We would greatly appreciate your support in spreading the word and encouraging donations!

Let's Ignite Imagination and Make a Difference Together!

We believe this contest will be a wonderful opportunity for all child care centers to engage children in a creative and meaningful activity while supporting a great cause.

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana has been collecting shoeboxes to help support child care centers that want to participate in the Dragon-Box Contest. If you need a shoebox or two, please email our Development Director, Brittany McNamara, at [bmcnamara@childrenscoalition.org](mailto:bmcnamara@childrenscoalition.org)

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you every step of the way!

LET THE DRAGONS ROAR AND THE CREATIVITY SOAR!



Brittany McNamara, Development Director

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