

Tips for Getting Started

1. You know the Hope Spot is a special place but did you know that every time you go the beach or to a waterfront park or to downtown Tampa on the Riverwalk, you are in our Hope Spot. How do you and your family enjoy being in a Hope Spot? Do you hike, swim, fish, collect shells, canoe, kayak, birdwatch, eat at restaurants, shop?
2. How would you express this enjoyment in a project such as a painting, video, poem, PowerPoint, flyer, brochure, etc.?
3. Think about how you would feel if something happened to our Hope Spot and how it would affect you and your family. What have you noticed that might harm our Hope Spot? What have you noticed that helps our Hope Spot?
4. How would you express this in your project?
5. What can you do to help others see what you see so that your idea might change their behavior?
6. How would you express this in your project?

Where To Go From Here

Now you can decide on the type of project you want to use to complete this challenge. Is there anything you enjoy doing or are good at like writing, drawing, photography, poetry, singing, etc.?

Use your talents to design a project that will address all the questions in the Judges Rubric below.

Judges Scoring Rubric

Directions: How well did the project address the following questions?

Question	Not Very Well 1 point	Well 2 points	Very Well 3 points	Extremely Well 4 points
Why is the ocean important to you and to everyone?				
How do our human actions affect our waters - positively or negatively?				
How would your idea for changing our everyday behavior help make or keep our Gulf waters cleaner and healthier for us and the many animals that call it home?				
How creative was the project? Did the student(s) think outside the box?				
Does the project have the ability to influence others?				
Total Points for Each Rating				

Total Points = _____