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## Citizen input requested for State of Kansas Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Would you like an opportunity to effect future plans for outdoor recreation in the state of Kansas? If so, please take a few moments to complete a survey which is being administered on behalf of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Input from these surveys will assist outdoor recreation planners in developing strategies to address relevant issues facing outdoor recreation in Kansas over the next 5-10 years.

To take the survey click [here](#) on the following link. The survey must be completed before December 18, 2008.

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## City Hosts 12th Annual Metro Visual Arts Competition



"Security Blanket & Bunny"  
by Stefanie Stuever  
1st Place - Photography

The Merriam Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to present the 12th Annual Metro Visual Arts Competition on display now at the Irene B. French Community Center Art Gallery.

This year's exhibit received 614 entries from 331 students representing 18 different high schools. The exhibit will feature 131 pieces to be on display at the Irene B. French Community Center through December 27th. The gallery is free to the public.

The Irene B. French Community Center Art Gallery is located at 5701 Merriam Drive (just northwest of Johnson Drive and I-35 intersection). The exhibit will be on display through Saturday, December 27th, 2008. Regular Gallery hours are 9 AM - 9 PM, Monday-Thursday, Fridays & Saturdays from 9 AM - 3 PM, and Sundays from 2 - 4 PM.

For more information regarding the exhibit, call the Irene B. French Community Center at 322-5550 or visit our website at <http://www.merriam.org/park/Gallery>

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## Give The Gift of Fun This Christmas

Are you searching for the perfect holiday gift for a loved one? How about the gift of fun and good health? Merriam Parks and Recreation Department offers gift certificates for classes, programs and memberships. Gift certificates can be purchased for any amount and applied by the recipient to a favorite fitness or art class, health club membership, or aquatic center season pass. Visit our website at <http://www.merriam.org/park> to view our programs. Call Merriam Parks and Recreation at 913-322-5550 for more information or drop by Irene B. French Community Center, 5701 Merriam Drive, to purchase your gift certificate today!

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