

Second Annual Heartland Peacemaker Paddle



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THE BARRIERS

We had a fantastic morning on May 29, 2025, at Lake Jackson! The Mason G. Smoak Foundation collaborated with Ridge Area Arc and the Removing the Barriers Initiative to create a remarkable experience for our Youth Leadership Highlands students and the consumers of Ridge Area Arc. A special shout-out goes to the wonderful volunteers from the Mason G. Smoak Foundation Board who joined us in the canoes and cheered us on! We even had some of our YLH Alumni participating as buddy paddlers! A huge thank you to Bill Redmon from Removing the Barriers for providing the giant canoes and for teaching us so much about teamwork and paddling toward our goal! We also appreciate the Sebring Fire Department for ensuring our safety and assisting everyone in and out of the canoes! We can't wait to start planning the next event!