

Creative Writing (Junior)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

MARIN COUNTY FAIR
Make A Splash!

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FERIA DEL CONDADO DE MARIN



JULY 3-7, 2024 3-7 DE JULIO
MARINFAIR.ORG

FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

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| MARIN COUNTY FAIR FAIR OFFICE | 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903 |
| WEBSITE | www.marinfair.org |
| EMAIL | fairexhibits@marincounty.org |
| REGULAR OFFICE HOURS | Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm |
| FAIR OFFICE HOURS | July 3 (Wednesday) to July 7 (Sunday): 8:00am to 8:00pm |
| MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS | July 3 (Wednesday) to July 7 (Sunday): 11:00am to 11:00pm |

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

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| COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER | Drew Patterson |
| DEPARTMENT MANAGER | Francesca Ball & Gabriella Calicchio |
| ONLINE SUBMISSIONS COORDINATOR | Carole Sanders |

COMPETITION CALENDAR

Please refer to the Competitive Exhibits Calendar on www.marinfair.org for all dates and times.

DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Local and State Rules govern this competition.

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - California Exhibitors ages 5-18.
 - a. Writings previously shown at the Marin County Fair are not eligible.
 - b. All Entries must be the original content and current work of the writer and created within the last two years.

ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES** - Free
3. **ENTRY LIMIT** - 2 Entries PER Exhibitor PER Class
 - a. The same entry may not be entered in more than one class or division.
4. **IDENTIFICATION** - Entries **MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED** with Title, Exhibitor Name, Division/Class# on the back of the entry.
5. **ENTRY REMOVAL** - Accepted works shall not be removed from exhibition until the Fair closes.
6. **ENTRY RELEASE** - Entries must be picked up on release day. Entries will only be released by presenting your claim check, personal identification, or a signed letter of authorization from the exhibitor.
 - a. For teachers picking-up entries for a student(s) or class of students, please notify a member of Fair Staff during delivery.

COMPETITION RULES

7. Entries must either be neatly mounted with a MAXIMUM SIZE of 9" x 11.5" or submitted in a folder.
 - a. Folders may or may not be included in the displays.
8. Entries may NOT be marked with grades or comments by teachers.
9. **SUBMISSIONS BY TEACHERS:** Entries submitted by teachers on behalf of their student(s) or class of students should also include the teacher's name and the name of the school on the back of entries.
 - a. *A Group Entry Form* is to be completed by the teacher (in place of individual Entry Forms per student). Please contact fairexhibits@marincounty.org for more information on *Group Entry*.

PUBLICITY

10. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

LIABILITY

11. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Any entries received damaged will not be juried.
12. Work held more than 5-days after Release Date is Fair property and may be sold/donated to offset storage costs.

SCORECARD

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| ORIGINALITY | 25% |
| FORM | 25% |
| STRUCTURE | 25% |
| NEATNESS | 25% |
| TOTAL: | 100% |

DIVISIONS 355 - 358 | CREATIVE WRITING

Entry Fee - FREE

DIVISION 355 | AGES 5 - 8

DIVISION 356 | AGES 9 - 12

DIVISION 357 | AGES 13 - 15

DIVISION 358 | AGES 16 - 18

CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. **Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story about a Body of Water** | Body of water may be as tiny as a teardrop or as vast as an ocean.
2. **Write a Poem in the voice of an Inanimate Object** | The Poem should reveal its function and place in the world.
3. **Write a Haiku about Summer** | Needs to refer to Summer in some way.
4. **If your Pet were a Person** | Describe who they'd be in a poem or a paragraph.
5. **Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story centered on one of the water's Three Possible States** | States include Ice, vapor, and/or liquid.

AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | CREATIVE WRITING

Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges

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| FIRST PLACE | RIBBON | HONORABLE MENTION | RIBBON |
| SECOND PLACE | RIBBON | BEST OF CLASS | ROSETTE |
| THIRD PLACE | RIBBON | | |