



## 2019 Fairfax Parks Poetry Contest

**Theme: Game On!**

We want to hear how parks fill our community (and you!) with fun, joy and excitement! So lace up your sneakers, explore Fairfax County Park Authority parks and tell us how you get in the game with Fairfax Parks.

### Rules and Guidelines:

- Fairfax County park lovers in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade are eligible.
- Poems must be original works composed by the student; Kindergarteners may have assistance writing/typing.
- Poems must be no longer than one single-sided page. Additional pages will not be considered.
- Child's full name and grade must appear somewhere on the single-sided poem.
- Poems must be suitable for all ages. FCPA reserves the right to reject poems that are vulgar or offensive.
- One entry per person. Additional entries will not be considered.
- All poems submitted become property of the Fairfax County Park Authority and may be reproduced.

### Judging & Prizes:

- Judging is subjective, though judges will consider the following criteria when reviewing entries: originality/creativity, neatness, spelling/grammar and relevance to theme (Tip: Be sure any park references refer to Fairfax County Park Authority parks!)
- Two winners will be selected in each grade category: K-2nd, 3rd-5th and 6th-8th grades.
- Winners will receive a \$50 Fairfax County Park Authority gift card and an invitation to read their poems at SpringFest on April 27, 2019 at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly, Va.

### Submit:

- Enter online or by mailing or delivering entry. Entries must be received by 4 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 14, 2019.
- Mailed or hand-delivered poems must include a copy of entry form.

### HOW TO ENTER:

Contest opens February 14, 2019. Entries must be received by 4 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

**Mail/deliver poem AND entry form to:**  
FCPA Poetry Contest  
12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927  
Fairfax, VA 22035

**Upload poem and complete online entry form:**  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/poetry](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/poetry)

or



The Fairfax Parks poetry contest is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Parks Foundation. For more info, contact [Cristin.Bratt@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Cristin.Bratt@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-8700.

