



2021 Fairfax Parks Poetry Contest

Students in grades K-8 are invited to enter the 2021 Fairfax Parks Poetry Contest in honor of National Poetry Month in April. This year's theme also celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the Fairfax County Park Authority! We want to hear how your local parks have made Fairfax County a greener, cleaner, healthier place to live, work and play.

Rules and Guidelines:

- Fairfax County park lovers in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade are eligible.
- Poems must be original works composed by the student; younger students 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 family-friendly. Fairfax County Park Authority reserves the right to reject poems that are offensive or encourage behavior that is prohibited in Fairfax County Park Authority parks.
- 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. Entrant retains ownership of all intellectual and industrial property rights.

Judging & Prizes:

- Judging is subjective, though judges will consider the following criteria when reviewing entries: creativity, poem structure/clarity, relevance to theme and overall impression. (Tip: Be sure any park references refer to Fairfax County Park Authority parks!)
- Three winners will be selected in each grade category: K-3rd, 4th-5th and 6th-8th grades.
- Winners will receive a \$70 Fairfax County Park Authority gift card and an invitation to read their poems at the Fairfax Parks 2021 Virtual Poetry Contest in April.

Submit:

- Due to current COVID safety protocols, all 2021 entries must be submitted via online form.
- Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

HOW TO ENTER:

Contest opens February 10, 2021. Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Link to submission form may be found at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/poetry



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.



To request this information in an alternative format, call 703-324-8727, TTY 711.