



Geauga Park District's 31st Annual



NATURE WRITING CONTEST

Photo: Tom Malinchak

3 AGE CATEGORIES · POETRY, PROSE OR BOTH · GET PUBLISHED · CASH PRIZES!

ENTER

By Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2026,
either to sward@geaugaparkdistrict.org
or Geauga Park District, Attn: NWC,
9160 Robinson Road, Chardon, OH 44024

*Please submit a new form (below) for each entry
(no staples please) -or- for digital entry, include ALL
form info into body of email and attach entry/entries.
Submit entries only once. All fields must be complete.*

RESULTS

Posted to geaugaparkdistrict.org on
Monday, May 11, under News & Updates;
winners will be notified by mail

RULES

- All entries must be inspired in some way by Nature.
- **Names should NOT appear on pages to be judged;**
please double-check all pages to ensure this rule is followed.
Names are withheld for judging by professional editors
and published writers from Northeast Ohio.
- **One poem and one prose entry accepted per writer.**
Prose must be typed, double-spaced and fewer
than 800 words. Poetry must be single-spaced.

WHAT YOU CAN WIN

**Special thanks to the Foundation for Geauga Parks
for again helping us offer better cash prizes this year!**

- **Adults & adolescents:** 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30
- **Children:** 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$20
- Get honored, do a reading of your work, and hear
your judge's remarks during a special invitation-only
celebration the evening of Wednesday, July 8, at
Claridon Woodlands (attendance not required to win)
- Get published in our chapbook and on our website
- Get recognition in our summer activity guide,
reaching almost 43,000 Geauga households
- Adult assistance for young writers must be limited
to technological help; no editorial or writing support
beyond proofreading for typos (optional).
- **Access to digital entries must be immediate via email
attachment or file-sharing link with open permissions;**
ask a third party to double-check all links to ensure compliance.
- Students must provide home/summertime phone
and email contact information.
- Geauga Park District reserves the right to correct
specified entry category without notice.

Disqualification may result if aforementioned rules are not followed. That said, please don't hesitate to contact
Sandy Ward (sward@geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-226-2544) with any questions or clarification needs.
*Save a Tree, Email Your Form Info & Entry to the Email Address Above — and **Good Luck!***



NAME _____
first last

ADDRESS _____
mailing address city state ZIP

EMAIL _____ **PHONE** _____

TITLE OF WORK _____

CATEGORY

*(Please submit a new
form for each entry;
mark only one.)*

PROSE

- Adult (18+)
- Adolescent (12-17) *
- Child (11 & under) *

POETRY

- Adult (18+)
- Adolescent (12-17) *
- Child (11 & under) *

* **AGE** _____



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