

*Yosemite National Park in partnership with the Ansel Adams Gallery presents*

# GATEWAY EXPRESSIONS

## STUDENT ART AND POETRY CONTEST

An event celebrating the creative spirit of the youth in our gateway communities and the inspiration and legacy of Yosemite.



*Artwork by Mash Alexander*

GATEWAY EXPRESSIONS Student Art and Poetry Contest is open to all students, grades K-12, attending a school or youth program associated with the gateway community school districts of Yosemite National Park. Please see contest rules for eligible school districts.

Selected student artwork and poetry will be featured in an exhibit at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Valley, and students will be acknowledged at a special awards ceremony on **Saturday, October 25, 2014.**

Teachers and youth leaders are encouraged to organize submissions of art and poetry for their students. Teachers of selected artwork or poetry will receive a complimentary Parks As Classrooms program. The program may be scheduled as a classroom visit, Skype program, or held in Yosemite National Park.

Artwork or poetry must be original and should communicate a connection to Yosemite's natural or cultural history. Subject matter can focus on wildlife, plants, scenic areas, iconic features, seasonal changes, conservation and protection, or the legacy that Yosemite represents.



**Entries must be received by 5:00PM Friday, October 3, 2014.**

Please see contest guidelines for information and entry forms.

For additional information or questions, please call the Yosemite National Park Education Branch at (209) 375-9505.



*Special thanks to the Yosemite Conservancy for making this event possible.*

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**CONTEST CATEGORIES:** Gateway Expressions Student Art and Poetry contest is open to students in grades K-12, in school districts associated with the gateway communities of Yosemite National Park. Teachers and youth leaders of students are encouraged to organize submissions by their students for either individual art or poetry, or group art pieces. Winning artwork and poetry will be chosen in five categories for individual entries: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th; one category is specifically for group art pieces and **NEW this year, a category for celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Yosemite National Park \*submit art or poetry inspired by Yosemite becoming a National Park!**

**ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Schools or youth programs located within these school districts are eligible for participation: Bass Lake Joint Union; Bass Lake; Big Oak Flat-Groveland; Chawanakee Unified; Eastern County; Mammoth Unified; Bishop Unified; Mariposa County Unified; Yosemite Unified; Sonora Independent; Curtis Creek; Columbia Union school districts.

**RULES FOR SUBMISSION CHECKLIST** (submitted art, poetry must comply with the following):

- All entry paperwork including parent/guardian signature must accompany submitted art or poetry. Parent/guardian and student signatures are required on the entry form. Teacher signatures in lieu of parents' will not be accepted.
- All art and poetry work must be original and communicates a message about Yosemite.
- Each student may submit no more than one entry in his/her individual category AND may contribute toward no more than one entry in the group art piece category.
- Artwork must be 8.5" X 11", 14" X 16", 16" X 20" or 20" X 24" in size. Poems should not be more than one page on 8.5" X 11" size paper and not exceed 32 lines in length. Written poetry must be either typed or legibly written in ink.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional, no greater than two inches deep. (Heavy, three-dimensional artwork requiring special mounting is not eligible.)
- How to mount your art:
  - Winning artwork will be mounted on poster paper by the Yosemite National Park Education staff and displayed in The Ansel Adams Gallery via wall hangers, therefore, please submit your entry simply mounted on backing paper (if applicable). For example, mount a drawing to a durable piece of construction paper.
  - If submitting art in chalk or pastel, the piece must be sprayed with fixative.
- Please attach completed entry form(s) with tape or other fixative to the back of each art/poetry piece.
- All art and poetry work must also have student's name, grade, school, and a contact phone number written on the back of their work, in case the entry form becomes separated from the art.
- Optional: A description (60 words or less) of what the artwork communicates about Yosemite, may be attached to the entry form. Descriptions should be typed or printed, including the title of the art piece.
- Group art pieces must include entry forms from EVERY student whose work is included in the group a piece. For group art pieces, only the TOP entry form is required to include a description of the artwork.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** To be considered eligible, artwork and poetry **must** include complete, signed entry forms, follow all instructions, and be submitted on time. Please mail entries to: Gateway Expressions Student Art & Poetry Contest, General Delivery, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389. Art or poetry entries along with a completed entry forms must be POSTMARKED by Friday, October 3, 2014. *SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS*. Entries may be given to a Yosemite National Park Education Branch staff member by appointment only and must be prior to Friday, October 3, 2014. Please call (209) 375-9505 to make an appointment.

**NOTIFICATION OF CONTEST WINNERS:** Contest winners will be contacted by phone.

**AWARDS CEREMONY AND ART EXHIBITION:** The winners of the art and poetry contest will have their artwork and poems displayed at The Ansel Adams Gallery. The winners will be recognized at a reception held at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Valley. Each winner will be notified by phone prior to the reception.

**Reception at The Ansel Adams Gallery: Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

All students, family members, teachers, friends, and the general public are invited to attend the celebration and view winning artwork.

**AWARDS:** Each winning student will receive an award and an official recognition. Entrants may have their work publicly displayed or used in Yosemite National Park publications, web site, or other products. Teachers/ Youth Leaders of first-place winners in each of the six categories will receive a certificate for a future Parks As Classrooms ranger-led program and an educational resource packet. The certificate should be used by November 20, 2015. (Certificate is not redeemable for cash.). Parks As Classrooms ranger-led Programs are subject to availability and must be scheduled no less than three weeks in advance for a date to be arranged with Yosemite National Park Education Staff.

**CLAIMING ARTWORK:**  
ALL entries in the contest MUST BE PICKED-UP on

**ART PICK-UP DAY Please mark your calendars!:**  
Saturday, November 15, 2014, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Location: In front of The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Valley

SATURDAY, Nov. 15, 2014, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Alternative pick up times can be arranged by appointment, please call (209) 375-9505. Please note that unless prior arrangements have been made, all artwork not picked up by 12:00 PM on Nov. 15, 2014, becomes property of Yosemite National Park. Entries cannot be returned by mail.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE:** Through submission of artwork or poetry, and written descriptions, contestants and their legal guardians hereby grant the National Park Service, or its authorized representatives and contractors, non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights, including student names, to the works submitted.

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### ENTRY FORM

- To be eligible, your entry must comply with ALL rules and deadlines (see pages 2 and 3).
- Entries may be mailed to: **Gateway Expressions Student Art and Poetry Contest, General Delivery, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389**. All entries must be POSTMARKED no later than October 3, 2014. Sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS! Entries may be given to a Yosemite National Park Education Branch staff member by appointment only and prior to Friday, October 3, 2014. Please call (209) 375-9505 to make an appointment.
- Any group art piece MUST include an entry form from EVERY student whose work is included in the art piece.
- **Parent/guardian and student must sign below. Teacher signatures in lieu of parents' are not eligible.**

**Type of Art (CIRCLE ONE):** **A.** Individual art piece **B.** Group art piece **C:** Poetry **D:** Yosemite Grant

Title of Artwork or Poem: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State CA Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail or phone number (required): \_\_\_\_\_

*Email addresses will only be used for communications regarding the art ceremony and/or art pick-up.*

Teacher/Youth Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

School or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State CA Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Youth Leader email or phone number (required)

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**Waiver and Release:** I hereby grant and assign to the National Park Service the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect to the original art and poetry work being submitted to use, re-use, publish, re-publish, modify, and otherwise reproduce, and display in any and all media, for any purpose whatsoever, without compensation to the child, parents, guardian, or teacher; and to use my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in Yosemite National Park's Gateway Expressions Student Art and Poetry contest. I agree that the National Park Service and its assigns have the right to reproduce, prepare derivative works of, distribute or display and use these materials in whole or in part, for government and non-government purposes, in any manner or media (whether now existing or created in the future), in perpetuity. Use of this material shall include, but not be limited to, audiovisual programs; museum exhibits; websites; publications; product artwork; and project publicity. Additionally, I waive the right to inspect or approve any use of the material and any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the material. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the National Park Service from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I agree to indemnify and hold the Government harmless for any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the activities associated with the project in which I am taking part.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to the forgoing waiver and release and consent on behalf of said minor.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Pledge of Originality:** I declare and avow that the art or poem I am submitting to the Yosemite National Park Gateway Expressions Student Art and Poetry contest is my own original work.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail art or poetry entries with entry form(s) and descriptions, as described in the contest guidelines to: **Gateway Expressions Student Art and Poetry Contest, General Delivery, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389**

Entries may also be given to a Yosemite National Park Education Branch staff member by appointment only, please call (209) 375-9505 to arrange a drop-off time prior to Friday, Oct. 3, 2014.

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Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Media: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional: In 60 words or less, please describe what your artwork communicates about Yosemite.**

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### **Preferences for Claiming Art & Poetry work:**

Please select one of the following to help us return your artwork in a timely manner:

- I will pick-up my art in front of The Ansel Adams Gallery on Saturday, November 15, 2014, between 10:00AM-12:00PM. Please make sure you have provided your e-mail address so we can send you a pick-up reminder.
- I don't need my artwork back.
- I would like my artwork returned, but am not available on Saturday, November 15, 2014, for pick-up. I will contact the Education Office of Yosemite National Park at: (209) 375-9505 to arrange an alternate pick-up time. Please make sure you have provided your e-mail address so we can send you a pick-up reminder.