

Official Rules

Contest Theme

"Birds in my World"

Contest Topics (Choose one)

- Utah Bird *Habitats*
- Bird *Diversity* in Utah
- *Adaptations* of Utah Birds
- *Interrelationships* with Utah Birds.

Eligibility Requirements

This contest is restricted to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students of teachers currently teaching the AVES curriculum, with the Aviary or on their own. Each student may submit one entry each in the art and literature categories. Work is to be the student's own original work created specifically for this contest.

Submission Details and Dates

Each entry must be submitted by mail or by hand in a protective envelope with a completed entry form to Tracy Aviary no later than Feb. 28, 2009. Winners will be announced April 30, 2009 and displayed for two weeks at the Aviary. All non-winning entries must be picked up by May 1, 2009. Winning entries will be returned by mail on or after May 10, 2009.

Use of Submissions

Winners will be displayed at the Aviary between April 6, 2009 and April 19, 2009. Tracy Aviary will retain non-exclusive rights to reproduce and use any and all art and text for any purpose, electronically, orally or in print. Tracy Aviary will make every effort to protect submissions but is no way responsible for any loss or damage.

Art Category (Limit: One entry)

ACCEPTED MEDIA: Two-dimensional (not thicker than ¼ inch), unframed and unmounted; paints, pen & ink, pencil, charcoal, pastels, collage. No 3-D art.

GUIDELINES: Art must show at least one conspicuous Utah bird. Entry size can be no shorter than 8 ½ inches and no longer than 20 inches in any direction. Entries must include title, student name, school, and grade on the back.

JUDGING: Art will be judged on Utah 4th grade core standards: how well it conveys the chosen topic, color, shading, perspective, creativity, and original expression.

Writing Category (Limit: One entry)

FORMATS: Entries may be in form of essay, poetry, prose, journal entry, short story, or play.

GUIDELINES: Writing must focus on one or more Utah birds. Entry limited to a single letter sized (8"x11") page printed from a word processor in 12 point Times New Roman or Ariel font, double-spaced, with no more than 250 words. Entry must consist of text only—no illustrations or line art. Entry may be typed by an adult provided that a handwritten copy of the original work is included and attached to the entry form. Entry must include title, student name, school and grade.

JUDGING: Writing will be judged on 4th grade core standards: how well it conveys the chosen topic, how well it follows spelling, organization, flow, clarity, and creativity.