

Enviro Gorge Kids Writing Contest

Kids, grades 3-12, are invited to write an original essay related to the Gorge environment. Submit it to envirogorge.com environmental news magazine to see your work published online and win prizes.

Topics -Here are some topics to choose from (or you can think of your own):

- All essays must be **non-fiction** pertaining to **both** the **environment** and the **Columbia River Gorge**
- One thing I do to help the Gorge environment is.....
- My environmental hero in the Gorge is.....
- My biggest environment concern in the Gorge is.....
- The wildlife (or other critters or native plants) in my (Gorge) neighborhood....
- Advanced writers may submit an essay or and article (complete with quotes from interviews and references)

Awards - Thank you to our sponsors who have donated great prizes!!!

The first 50 entries receive a goodie bag donated by BPA. One winner will be chosen by Envirogorge from each grade category for one of the prizes below.

- **Hood River Hobbies** - a \$100 Gift Certificate for one 1st place winner www.hoodriverhobbies.com
- **Underground Music Station** -1 month of private beginner lessons on loaned bass, drums, or guitar \$100 value
- **Northwest Taekwondo** - 1 month of free lessons in The Dalles or Hood River \$100 value (includes uniform loan)
- **Publication on Envirogorge.com** (and associated social media) for all first place winners and some runners up
- Prizes will **not** be mailed but must be picked up at designated locations. Winners notified via email/ phone.

Grade Categories and Word Count (based on what grade child would be entering in fall 2016):

- Elementary school 3rd, 4th or 5th grade Word count 500-800 words
- Middle school 6th, 7th or 8th grade Word count 600-1200 words
- High school 9th-12th grade Word count 600-1200 words

Submission requirements:

- Paste essay text directly into an email to: miko@envirogorge.com
- Or **mail hard copies to:** Envirogorge, PO Box 163, Hood River, OR 97031
- Please do not send or email photos/videos. If needed, we will contact you for this.
- Deadline for submission is August 30, 2016
- One entry per person. Single author, original work by entrant only during summer 2016
- Please proofread all entries, entries must be legible and use proper spelling and grammar
- Judging will be based on writing quality, topic relevance, creativity, readability.
- Entries must be accompanied by parent/guardian permission scanned and attached to email or mailed

Please complete ALL of the following to be eligible:

Name of Entrant: _____ Grade: _____ (fall 2016)

Address of Entrant: _____

Email address of parent/guardian: _____ (phone) _____

This will automatically subscribe you to get free updates via email about new stories and updates about the contest.

Statement of permission (must be signed to be eligible):

I hereby give my child permission to enter the Envirogorge Kids Summer Writing Contest. I understand that all submissions become the property of Envirogorge and will not be returned. I agree that Envirogorge may reproduce this entry without payment to the author (other than any prizes he/she may be awarded). I verify that this story was developed and constructed by the Entrant and is the Entrant's original work. This story has never been published and is a single-author work by the entrant. I give my permission to Envirogorge to publish the author's name, age, home city and state and photo on envirogorge.com as the story's author, as well as other social media such as facebook, youtube, instagram, and twitter. I release Envirogorge and the officers, directors, employees from any liability or claimed liability in connection with this contest submission. I acknowledge that I have read this consent and release prior to signing it and that I understand its contents.

Signature of parent or guardian X _____ Date _____

Entry for this contest is free. Materials and staff time to run this contest are sponsored by Envirogorge.

We do accept donations on our website www.envirogorge.com if you would like to support our work.

Thank you for your participation!