



NATIONAL COWBOY SYMPOSIUM AND CELEBRATION

YOUTH CONTESTS

RULES & REGULATIONS

Send entries to: National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration
Attn: Youth Contests
P.O. Box 6638
Lubbock, Texas 79493

RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

1. Only one entry per contestant per category, if you enter more than one it will be the committee's choice as to which photo is judged.
2. Categories are as follows:
 - People: working cowboys, Native Americans
 - Landscapes/Scenes : western scenes, ranch life, mountains, mesas
 - Ranch Animals and Wildlife: horses, cattle, sheep, ranch wildlife, prairie wildlife
 - Miscellaneous – any other item, but must be traditional western or Native American, western objects: cactus, teepee, saddle, boots, etc.

**NCSC reserves the right to disqualify any entry judges deem inappropriate for the competition.*
3. All entries must:
 - have been taken by the entering party.
 - have a Traditional Western/Cowboy or Native American theme.
 - be 5X7 photograph mounted to 8X10 mat (a sheet of card stock is acceptable).
4. Entries maybe color or black and white (judged separately).
5. Entry form (located at the end of this packet) must be stapled to the back of each entry.
6. The photography, along with the entry form **must be received no later than Wednesday, August 30th, 2017.** Entries received after that date will be ineligible for judging or display.
7. Entries will be judged by a qualified member of the Lubbock Photography Club and/or National Cowboy Symposium Advisory Board.
8. Age Divisions
 - Ages 9-18 years, judged as one group
9. Prizes are awarded to first - third place.
10. Send entries to: National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, P.O. Box 6638 Lubbock, Texas 79493.

**All entries become the property of the NCSC archives.
Extra copies of photographs should be retained by the photographer.**

RULES FOR COLORING CONTEST

1. Only one entry per contestant.
2. All entries must be:
 - colored by the child entering.
 - the designated coloring page chosen by the committee.
 - mounted on a sheet of either card stock or construction paper.
3. Entry form (located at the end of this packet) must be stapled to the back of each entry.
4. The official coloring page for both age groups is available on the web site www.cowboy.org under the Youth Activities tab.
5. The coloring page, along with entry form **must be received no later than Wednesday, August 30th, 2017.** Entries received after that date will be ineligible for judging. Entries may be submitted at any time prior to this date and will be held at the NCSC office until competition.
6. Entries will be judged by a member of the NCSC advisory board and are judged on how well the child stays within lines of the image.
7. If they choose, the child may color the whole page and not just the image.
8. Age Divisions:
 - 3-5 years
 - 6-8 years
9. Age divisions are judged as separate groups and each has a separate coloring page. Please be sure to use the correct page for the child's age group.
10. Prizes are awarded to first through third place.
11. Send entries to: National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, P.O. Box 6638 Lubbock, Texas 79493.

**If the parent of the contestant wishes to have the picture returned, they may contact the
Cowboy Symposium Office at (806)798-7825 after the event is over.**

RULES FOR YOUTH CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF

1. Intent to enter should be given to the NCSC office by 5 pm on Wednesday, **Wednesday, August 30th, 2017.**
Office Phone (806)798-7825 or email cowbyosymposium@suddenlink.net .
Paperwork can be provided prior to the contest on Friday and a parent signature is required.
2. Entry form (located at the end of this packet) must be submitted and received by the NCSC by 5pm **September 6, 2017.**
3. Entries are limited to the number of chuck wagons prepared or willing to participate in the event, therefore participation will be allowed on a first-come-first-entered basis.
4. Contestants prepare and cook a cobbler with the assistance of an assigned chuck wagon team.
5. Food entries are judged based on appearance, taste, and texture by ACWA members and/or NCSC assigned judges.
6. Entries must be 12 -18 years-old **by the date of the competition day.**
7. Youth under the age of 12 should not enter and will be disqualified from competition.
8. Prizes are provided by the National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration.
9. Send entries to: National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, P.O. Box 6638 Lubbock, Texas 79493.

RULES FOR STORY WRITING COMPETITION

1. Only one entry per contestant.
2. Entries should:
 - be an original piece written by the student.
 - be typed in 12 point Times New Roman or Arial font; double spaced.
 - be no less than 200 words and no more than 400.
 - follow a traditional western theme.
3. Entry form (located at the end of this packet) must be stapled to the back of each entry.
4. The story, along with the entry form **must be received no later than Wednesday, August 30th.** Entries received after that date will be ineligible for judging. Entries may be submitted at any time prior to this date and will be held at the NCSC office until competition.
5. Entries will be judged by a qualified current or former English teacher assigned by the NCSC.
6. Entries will be judged on **70% creativity and 30% mechanics.**
7. Age Divisions:
 - 3rd – 5th Grade
 - 6th – 8th Grade
 - 9th – 12th Grade*Entries separated by grade in which the student was enrolled when the entry was written.
8. Prizes are awarded to first through third place. First place in each division will be given the option to read their story during the Saturday night show at the event.
9. Send entries to: National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, P.O. Box 6638 Lubbock, Texas 79493.

All submissions become part of the NCSC Archives after the competition and will not be returned to the author.

Copies of the story should be retained by the writer for their own files.

RULES FOR POETRY COMPETITION

1. Only one entry per contestant.
2. **ALL** poetry contest entries should be about western, ranch or cowboy life and might include such topics as the landscape, the seasons, ecology, horses, cattle, pets, funny or sad events, characters such as parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors, cowboys and cowgirls. Inspirational subjects work or play --- almost any subject will do as long as the content is about the **West or Western life**.
3. One of three poetry forms that may be submitted are:
 - **Lyrical** - should not exceed thirty six lines or be less than ten (10) lines and should be rhymed, metered verse.
 - **Haiku** – format must include 3 short lines. The poem must not exceed 17 syllables. The first line contains five (5) syllables, the second line seven (7) syllables, and the third line contains five (5) syllables. Haiku doesn't rhyme and should paint a mental image in the reader's mind of a Western image. Haiku submissions should be from students in the 6th-12th grades.
 - **Acrostic** – a poetry form where a word related to the West is written vertically with a descriptive word going horizontally. Both words are connected by the first letter and may contain a space between them. Acrostic poems do not rhyme. Acrostic submissions should be by students in the 3rd-5th grades.

IMPORTANT: All poetry forms must follow the rules. For examples see www.cowboy.org .

4. The poem, along with the entry form **must be received no later than Wednesday, August 30th.**
5. Entries received after that date will be ineligible for judging. Entries may be submitted any time prior to August 30, 2017 and will be held by the NCSC office until the contest date.
6. **All entries must be produced on a word processor.** Please attach the entry form as a second sheet behind your poem with a staple.
7. TEACHERS: keep it simple by submitting multiple entries in a manila envelope.
8. The first place winner in each division will be notified and asked to submit an electronic copy of their poem by **Wednesday, August 30th.**
9. Entries will be judged by a cowboy poet or a current or former English teacher as assigned by NCSC.

Age Divisions

3rd to 5th Grade

6th to 8th Grade

9th to 12th Grade

* Entries separated by grade in which the student was enrolled when the entry was written.

10. Prizes are awarded to first through third place. First (1st) place in each division will receive backstage privileges to meet professional cowboy poets and may recite their poem during the Saturday night show at the event.
10. Send entries to: National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, P.O. Box 6638 Lubbock, Texas 79493.

All entries must be the work of the youth poet and must not show evidence of assistance from any outside source. All submissions become part of the NCSC Archives after the competition and will not be returned to the author. Copies of the story should be retained by the writer for their own files.



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Name: _____

Age and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Parent's cell phone _____

Organization or School: _____

Leader or teacher name: _____ Teacher Phone: _____

Parent Signature authorizing participation: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

CATEGORY ENTERING (please check the appropriate circle):

- Photography** – Age group: _____
 - People
 - Landscapes/Scenes
 - Animals/Wildlife
 - Miscellaneous
- Story Writing** - Age: _____
- Poetry Writing** - Age: _____
 - Lyrical Cowboy Poetry
 - Acrostic (3rd- 5th grade only)
 - Haiku (6th – 12th Grade only)
- Coloring** – Age: _____
- Youth Chuck Wagon Cook-Off** - Age: _____
(must be 12-18 years of age)