



The Frederick Law Olmsted
Society of Riverside

Reflections On Riverside

2023 Student Poetry Contest

Riverside-area students in grades 1-12 are invited to enter the Olmsted Society's 2023 *Reflections on Nature* Poetry Contest. With the 200th anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted's birth fresh in our minds, we ask you to reflect on what it means to be "Born to Be Wild."

Step outside and explore natural spaces in Riverside, or your own neighborhood! What native plants or animals can you find in the wilds of the Riverside area? What does being "wild" signify to you? How do you feel when you come across wildlife? Look slow. Listen long. Observe, reflect, and share. Original poems of any style or length exploring this year's theme are welcome.

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2023

THEME

"Born to Be Wild" Seek inspiration in nature. Observe and reflect on the wilds and wildlife of the Riverside area

RULES

Students in grades 1-12 residing in Berwyn, Brookfield, Lyons, North Riverside or Riverside or attending any Riverside school may enter.

Poems must be original work, created for this contest, and must be free from student identifying information.

Email entries to poetrycontest@olmstedsociety.org. Body should include: 1) poem title, 2) student's name, 3) grade, 4) school, 5) home address, 6) phone, 7) email, and 8) name of parent or legal guardian.

Poems must be attached separately or submitted as a Google Doc with general viewing access granted.

Entering by email constitutes both student and parental agreement to the Certifications set forth on the reverse. One entry per student will be accepted.

CRITERIA

Judging is based on: Strength of Theme (15), Appropriateness of Title (5), Meter/Rhythm (25), Originality (25), Clarity and Tone (20), Suitability of Verse Style for Subject (5) and Spelling and Grammar (5).

PRIZES

The Olmsted Society will award:

\$100 to the winner at the High School level.

\$50 to the winner at the Junior High level (grades 6-8).

\$25 to the top winner at each Elementary grade level, 1-5.

Poems may be featured in the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Newsletter and at www.olmstedsociety.org.

All entries are eligible for publication in professionally-bound volumes to be maintained in the Olmsted Collection and in the Local Authors Section of the Riverside Public Library.

Additional honors will be awarded and all participants will be invited to read their poems at a ceremony to be held in summer.

Please Note: Family members of Poetry Contest judges are not eligible for cash awards.

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BODY OF EMAIL MUST INCLUDE

- **Title of Entry**
- **Student Name**
- **Grade**
- **School**
- **Home Address, City, State, Zip**
- **Phone**
- **Email**
- **Name of parent/legal guardian**

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that my entry to the "Reflections on Nature" contest is my own original writing.

I hereby grant and assign to the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois the non-exclusive right and permission with respect to the original writing submitted herewith to use, re-use, publish, republish and otherwise reproduce the same in any media and to use my name to identify it. I hereby release and discharge the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of said original writing.

I further release the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois from responsibility for any injury which may be incurred during the research, production or submission of the original writing to this contest.

The Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois may sell, assign, license or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, licensees and assigns of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, Illinois.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENTAL CERTIFICATION

I, _____, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing certification and release on behalf of said minor.