



RIVER OF WORDS 2006 ART & POETRY CONTEST

About the Contest: Each year, River of Words conducts an international poetry and art contest for youth on the theme of watersheds. The contest is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express, through poetry and art, what they discover. In turn, the Sacramento River Watershed Program (SRWP) gathers all entries from communities within the Sacramento River Watershed and conducts a regional competition. Winners of the SRWP River of Words contest are announced in multiple press releases and receive prizes such as River of Words t-shirts and books. Winning artwork and poetry is also posted on the SRWP website (www.sacriver.org). Eight grand prize winners and eight finalists are chosen for both artwork and poetry in the following four categories:

Category I: Kindergarten – Grade 2
Category II: Grades 3 – 6
Category III: Grades 7 – 9
Category IV: Grades 10-12

Who is eligible? Children between the ages of 5-19, who are not yet in college.

When is the deadline? Entries must be postmarked by 2/15/06 and received by 2/22/06.

Is there an entry fee? No, the contest is free to enter.

May more than one piece be submitted? Yes, but each entry must have a separate entry form. Entry forms are on the back of this information sheet and available for downloading at www.riverofwords.org.

How do I enter? You may enter the contest through your school, environmental club, scout troop, art organization, or any other such group, or you may enter the contest on your own. Group entries should be sent to River of Words together in one envelope or package, rather than individually. All entries must be sent with a completed entry form and mailed to:

River of Words
PO Box 4000-J
Berkeley, CA 94704

Where can I get more information? Visit River of Words' website at www.riverofwords.org. For information regarding SRWP please contact Mary Lee Knecht, SRWP Education Coordinator. (mlknecht@comcast.net or 916-233-7695) or visit www.sacriver.org.

River of Words ® Contest Entry Form

Note : *If we can't read your handwriting, you can't win a prize and you won't get your Watershed Explorer Ò Certificate. So, please print carefully and use a pen!*

Date: _____ **Please check one:** I am entering as an Individual____ , OR, as part of a Group/Class*_____.

Name: _____ Email _____ Age:____ Grade:___ Male: __ Female: __

Title of Submission: _____ Art:___Poem:___ (Check one)

***Note: If you are entering as part of a group you MUST indicate whether you are entering through your school, scout troop, summer camp, park district, library, or other organization below.**

School or Organization _____ Last Day of Classes (M/D/Y) _____

School/Org Address _____ City _____

State ___ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country: _____ School Phone _____

Teacher/Facilitator(s) First Name _____ Last _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____ Signature _____

Home Address _____ City _____

State ___ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____ Home Phone _____

I hereby grant and assign to River of Words (ROW) the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect of the original writing, artwork or photos that I have submitted to River of Words, to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish, and otherwise reproduce, and display the same, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork, writing, photos, and video, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world, for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, and trade, or any other purpose whatsoever; and to use my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in the River of Words Program. I understand that any use of this submitted work will include my child's name as its creator. I hereby release and discharge River of Words from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork, writing, photos, and video, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, River of Words maintains the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no poem or artwork of merit is found. ROW assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. River of Words 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 River of Words. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. I further release River of Words from any responsibility for injury incurred during the research or production of the original writing, artwork, photos and video.

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

Pledge of Originality: I declare and avow that the poem(s) or art I am submitting to the River of Words Contest is my own original work.

Student's signature _____