



LOUISIANA
OUTDOOR
WRITERS'
ASSOCIATION



THE
ADVOCATE
Educational Services

Youth Outdoor Journalism Contest

Sponsored by the Louisiana Outdoor Writers' Association and The Advocate Educational Services, this essay and photography contest is designed to stimulate an interest in outdoor journalism and photography in Louisiana youth.

Besides cash prizes, and other awards, the winning entries will be published in publications and websites across the state.

CONTEST RULES:

www.laoutdoorwriters.com
www.2theadvocate.com/sports/outdoors

1. The contest shall be open to all students.
2. The contest is not open to the immediate family members of any Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association member. "Immediate family member" is defined as a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandchild, or step-grandchild.

AGE DIVISIONS:

1. For the essay category, prizes will be awarded for two separate age groups: Senior (14-18 years of age) and Junior (13 years of age and under).
2. For the photography category, any age before 18 years of age and under is eligible.

CATEGORIES:

ESSAY

An original, unpublished essay about personal experience pertaining to hunting, fishing, boating, camping, hiking, or other related outdoor experience. The essay must be at least 300 words in length, but not more than 1000 words in length. The submitted essay must be typed, double-spaced, and only on one side of each sheet of paper. The essay will be judged on the following criteria: interest, subject matter, readability, spelling, and grammar. Winning essay should be available in an e-mail format to facilitate publication.

PHOTOGRAPHY

An original, unpublished photo, in either color or black and white print form. The photo may be either a 4x6 inch, 5x7 inch, or 8x10 inch print, centered mounted on 8x10 inch poster or mounting board. Slides will not be accepted.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE INCLUDED WITH EACH SUBMISSION:

At the top of the first page of each article or attached to the back of the mounting board of the photos:

Name: Email: Age: School: Address: Phone:

PRIZES:

- FIRST PLACE** in each of the categories will receive a \$150 cash prize and will be presented a certificate from the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association.
- SECOND PLACE** in each category will receive a \$100 cash prize and an award certificate from the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association.
- THIRD PLACE** in each category will receive a \$50 cash prize and an award certificate from the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association.
- HONORABLE MENTION** in each category will receive a \$25 cash prize and an award certificate from the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association.

CASH PRIZES IN ALL CATEGORIES DONATED BY THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER OF SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL.

SUBMISSIONS:

All entries should be postmarked no later than **June 11, 2010**.

Submissions cannot be returned unless accompanied by a SASE.

JUDGING:

- All entries will be judged by professional educators and outdoor communicators.
- Winners will be notified by mail.
- All winners and their chaperones will be honored at the annual LOWA Fall conference held August 6-7, 2010.



SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO:
**THE ADVOCATE
ED. SERVICES/LOWA
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BATON ROUGE LA 70821**