

Georgia Youth Cowboy Poetry Contest 2010 - 2011

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The Booth Western Art Museum is happy to announce our Annual Cowboy Poetry Contest for students in Georgia. The contest is for students in grades five through twelve and is held in conjunction with the 8th Annual Southeastern Cowboy Gathering sponsored by the Booth Western Art Museum.

The contest is open to students in four grade level designations: grades five and six, grades seven and eight, grades nine and ten, and grades eleven and twelve. The top ten finalists in each age group will compete at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, GA on Sunday, March 13, 2011 as part of the 8th Annual Southeastern Cowboy Gathering. Students will select from topics relative to the theme *The Spirit of the American West* and will submit their entries to a panel of judges for evaluation.

As cowboy poetry is a new area for most students in Georgia, the Booth Museum will offer free workshops on cowboy poetry as time and scheduling permit. The workshops cover several topics including the basic structure of poems, rhyme schemes and patterns, and presentation of the poetry. These workshops will be conducted by working cowboy poets who will come to your classroom or 4-H club meeting and outline some of the basics of cowboy poetry. Workshops can also be scheduled on-site at the museum. For more information contact Doc Stovall at the Booth Western Art Museum.

First, second and third place **cash prizes** will be awarded at the final competition on March 13. Scoring will be based on the following areas: adherence to contest rules, material organization, vocabulary and style, and presentation of the poem. Applications and a complete set of rules are attached.

Entries are due by February 7, 2011. *If you have any questions or would like to arrange a workshop for your students, please see the contact information listed below.*

Contact Information:

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Application for the 2010 - 2011 Georgia Youth Cowboy Poetry Contest Hosted by the Booth Western Art Museum

Theme: The Spirit of the American West

Topics:

1. Landscapes and Vistas
2. Cowboys and Cattle Drives
3. The Price of Change
4. Horses
5. Native American Culture
6. Women of the West



Section 1 General Rules

1. The Booth Western Art Museum is the official sponsor of the Georgia Youth Cowboy Poetry Contest.
2. The contest is open to students in grades 5 through 12.
3. To be eligible to enter the contest, contestants must compose an **original** cowboy poem and submit it according to contest rules.
4. The Booth Western Art Museum reserves the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any poem entered in the contest without payment to the author.

Section 2 Contest Rules

1. Each contestant must complete an entry form and be given a copy of the rules. The rules contain information about the contest, judging and awards.
2. Participants can only submit one entry in the contest.
3. Participants must write their poem about one of the six official topics.
4. There is no pre-determined word limit or length for the poem but the poet should be able to recite it between two and four minutes.
5. Contestants should not put their names on the poem or make any references in the poem that would identify the contestant.
6. Poems must be type written and double-spaced with one extra space between each new verse.
7. Poems should be titled at the top of the first page.
8. Each page of the poem must be numbered at the bottom of the page.
9. To submit the poem, staple the application and poem together in the upper left-hand corner. Please do not use a report cover.
10. **Entries must be delivered to Doc Stovall at the Booth Western Art Museum by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 7, 2011 to be eligible for judging.**

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