



# Express your VOICE OF NATURE

in Geauga Park District's  
**17th Annual Nature Writing Contest**



**ENTRIES:** Authors may submit one entry per eligible category:

**\*PROSE\***

- Adult (18 years of age and older)
- Adolescent (ages 11-17)
- Child (ages 10 and under)

**\*POETRY\***

- Adult (18 years of age and older)
- Adolescent (ages 11-17)
- Child (ages 10 and under)

**DEADLINE:** All manuscripts must be received at the Donald W. Meyer Center in Big Creek Park, 9160 Robinson Road, Chardon, **by 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, 2012.**

**JUDGING:** Judging will be done by professional editors and writers from Northeast Ohio. To ensure an un-biased contest, manuscript author information is withheld from judges. Please be sure to follow the rules and regulations listed below; contest officials have the authority to disqualify contest entries if any regulations are not followed.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

- Topics must include nature-oriented subjects or themes.
- The form included on this page must be completed and attached to each entry.
- **Do not include author's name on any page of the manuscript to be judged.** Only the title of the work should appear on the manuscripts.
- **Prose** manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced and no more than 800 words in length.
- **Poetry** entries may be single-spaced if double-spacing alters style.
- Assistance to child authors must be limited to typewriter/computer help. No editorial or writing support, please.
- Submit two copies of each entry.

**RESULTS:** Contest results will be announced by Friday, May 18, 2012, and will be sent to all contest participants. Cash prizes, awarded by Geauga Park District Foundation, will be presented at the **17th Annual Nature Writers' Coffee House** to be held **Friday, June 1, from 7 - 9 p.m.** at The West Woods Nature Center, 9465 Kinsman Road, Russell Township. Winners will be encouraged, but not required, to read their manuscripts. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this great evening filled with local literary talent. Winning entries will be printed in the a park-published chapbook. **PLEASE NOTE:** Winners will be asked to submit their writing electronically for inclusion in book. **Good Luck!**

For more information, please call (440) 279-0880 or (800) 536-4006 (Gauga toll free).

Please complete the following form, attach it to your entry and mail it all to:

**Gauga Park District • Nature Writing Contest • 9160 Robinson Road • Chardon, Ohio 44024-9148.**



**AUTHOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
first last

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
mailing address city state zip

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF WORK:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY:**  
*(mark only one)*

- PROSE**
- Adult (18+)
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