

Summer Writing Competition

Open to anyone 18 years and under

This summer, the Department of Conservation is putting a focus on how to treat our environment the right way. We want to know how much you respect your own backyard. So why not write about it?

**Topic: interacting with New Zealand wildlife**

**Stories graphic novels poems haikus**

**essays plays**

Let your creativity run wild.

Entries can be as short as you like, but must be no more than 2000 words.

Entries will be judged in age categories. The prize is a conservation calendar and a 1 year membership to either the Kiwi Conservation Club or Forest and Bird, depending on age of winners. Three prizes will be awarded, thanks to Forest and Bird.

See [www.doc.govt.nz/summer-writing-competition](http://www.doc.govt.nz/summer-writing-competition) or contact the Arthur’s Pass Visitor Centre at [arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz) or (03) 318-9211 for details on how to enter as well as terms and conditions.

Terms and conditions

1. The competition opens on **Friday 14December 2018 and closes at 11:59 pm Friday 22February 2019**. No entries will be accepted after the closing date.
2. To be eligible for this competition, you must be under 18 years of age at the time the competition closes (22February 2019).
3. All entries must be accompanied by an entry form.
4. Entries can be emailed to [arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz). Please send your documents as direct attachments and not as shared files.
5. Entries can be mailed to:

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Department of Conservation

PO Box 51008

Arthur’s Pass 7654

1. One submission per entrant. In the case of multiple entries, only the first submission by each entrant will be accepted.
2. The entrant must be the original author of the work entered as described in the Copyright Act 1994. Any attempt at plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
3. Entries will not be returned.
4. Entrants agree to be contacted by the organisers regarding this competition.
5. The winner/s agrees to the use of his/her name and submission in any publicity material used by the organiser. Your personal information provided will be used in conjunction with the organiser's privacy policies and will not be disclosed to a third party without the entrant's prior consent.
6. The organisers acknowledge the moral rights provisions of the Copyright Act 1994, including the right to be identified as the author of the work and the right to object to derogatory treatment of the work.
7. It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain appropriate written permission from people who are identifiable in their work. The entrant must produce evidence of that consent to the organisers if requested.
8. The entrant fully indemnifies the organisers against any claims arising from the display or use of unaltered work as described herein and from the infringement of intellectual property rights of any third party.
9. If the organisers are unable to open or upload the entries submitted electronically because of technical errors caused by file quality or if the file is damaged, the organiser reserves the right not to include the entries in the competition. No correspondence will be entered into with the entrant.
10. Winners will be announced on Friday 1st March on the competition webpage. Winners will be contacted via email (or via post if no email is provided). Only winning entries will be contacted.
11. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Prizes are non-transferable and are not redeemable for cash. One prize will be awarded for each age category.
13. Employees of the Department of Conservation and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in this competition.
14. If for any reason this competition cannot run as planned, due to any cause beyond the control of the organiser which corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this competition, the promotion may be discontinued at the entire discretion of the organiser. The organiser accepts no responsibility for such an event.
15. The organiser and its associated agencies and companies shall not be liable for any loss or damage suffered (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss) claimed or sustained, as a result of participating in this competition except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law.
16. The entrant's consent to these Terms and Conditions is through their submission of entries.

**Entry Form**

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| **Your entry** | |
| Title |  |
| Word count |  |
| Summary  \*for submissions over 500 words\* |  |
| Age category | 10 and under 11-14 15-18 |

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| **Your details** | |
| Full name |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Address |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone |  |

Please send your completed entry form with your submission to [arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz](mailto:arthurspassvc@doc.govt.nz), subject line ‘Writing Competition’ or by post to:

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