

Temecula Sister City Association's
8th Annual Children's Matsuri
Haiku (Poetry) Contest 2010

Haiku is an ancient Japanese form of poetry. These short poems present images that evoke time, place, mood and emotion. Many of the early poems were about nature and the seasons. Today, people write about almost any subject.

Rules for this contest:

- Entrants must be between 5 years old and 18 years, inclusive,
- Entrants must be a resident in one of the following counties: San Diego, Riverside, San Bernadino, Orange or Los Angeles.
- A parent/guardian must provide written approval by signing the entry form,
- Entries must be either:
 - faxed to (951) 750-1088 (do not press any options) or
 - sent to the e-mail address: Haiku@TemeculaSisterCityAssociation.org. (Release form must be signed and included. Please do not send text only.)
- Entries **must be typed or written in black or blue ink** (entries in pencil **WILL NOT** be accepted)
- Submissions must be received no later than **March 24, 2010** (late entries **WILL NOT** be accepted),
- Limit to one entry per child and
- Entries of Haiku poems **must be:**
 - In English
 - Three lines long
 - Contain 17 syllables in total
 - First line has five syllables
 - Second line has seven syllables
 - Third line has five syllables
 - In blue or black ink or typed

An example of Haiku (written by a 10 year old child):

Turtles in a tank
Swimming among plastic plants
wishing for a pond

Prizes will be awarded to winners in the following categories (age on May 8, 2010):

Age 5-8

Age 9-13

Age 14-18

Winners in each category will receive the following gifts:

1st Prize = \$50 Barnes & Noble gift certificate + event t-shirt

2nd Prize = \$25 Barnes & Noble gift certificate + event t-shirt

3rd Prize = Event t-shirt

Winners shall be announced at the Children's Matsuri, May 8, 2010 in Old Town, Temecula. Schedule of performances and announcements will be posted on TSCA website closer to event day.

Entry forms available at
www.TemeculaSisterCityAssociation.org