

PHOTO JOURNALISM CONTEST



The Queen has decreed that students who visit School Days at the Faire are invited to participate in a post-visit Photo Journalism Contest. During their Faire visit, students can exercise their creative photography skills to capture the magic of the Faire in their “little black boxes”, and employ their journalistic talents to pen a caption describing their photo entry.

A Grand Prize, First, Second, Third and several Honorable Mention winners will be selected from categories ~ Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Placement winners will receive an award and all winners will receive family passes to the following season’s Renaissance Faire. Winning photographs may also be published on the Educational Programs website and in other Faire literature.

School Days Photo Journalism Contest Rules

1. Photos must be taken at the 2024 School Days at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.
2. Students’ entries are to be submitted as a group by the Registering Educator in one packet and must include the Photo Journalism Contest Form with the students’ entries. See the next page.
3. One print (no smaller than 4” x 5”) per student may be submitted.
4. Entries will be judged on composition, quality and how well the subject matter of the photo captures the magic of the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.
5. Black and white or color prints qualify. If submitting a digital print, it must be a high-resolution (300 dpi or more) image printed at high quality on glossy photo paper.
6. The back of the photo must include: Student Name and Address, Grade, Teacher Name, School Name. A brief caption, written by the student (no more than three sentences in length), describing the photo must also appear on the back of the photo. All winners and teachers will receive an invitation to a special day at the Faire!
7. All entries shall be sent postage pre-paid and must arrive at the Faire Offices before November 22, 2024, to: Faire School Days Photo Journalism Contest, 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, PA 17545. Judging will be completed by February 14, 2025. Winners will be notified by email.
8. All entries become the property of the Faire. Upon entering the contest, the photographer grants the Faire full rights to publish for any and all purposes, commercial, promotional or otherwise.

PHOTO JOURNALISM CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This form MUST accompany photo entries and be received by November 22, 2024

**Mail to: School Days Photo Journalism Contest,
2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, PA 17545**

We look forward to the opportunity to view your students' photographs and hope that they enjoyed capturing memories of their day at the Faire! Please be sure that all photos enclosed with this form comply with the rules and regulations to avoid disqualification.

Winners will be selected by February 14, 2025 from three categories ~ Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Winners will be notified by teacher's email.

Field Trip Date: _____ School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

School Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher Email: _____

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

1. Story Subject: **INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO CHARACTERS FROM THE 2024 FAIRE SEASON**. Note: Essays not meeting these requirements will be disqualified.
2. The story is to be no more than five double spaced pages in length.
3. Submit entries on an 8 1/2 by 11 white lined composition paper, or printed (no Olde English typefaces) on white paper. Use a dark blue or black pen if entry is hand written.
4. Creative Writing Contest Entry form must be **complete** and stapled to the BACK of the entry facing outward.
5. The written piece itself is to have no identification, only the title and the work, no student name or school name, grade level, or illustrations.
6. Any entry which does not follow the instructions will be disqualified.
7. All entries will be judged according to the grade level of the student. One Grand Prize Winner for Elementary (Grades 3-5), Jr High (Grades 6-8) and Sr High (Grades 9-12) will receive a prize of \$50 and \$50 donation to their school library. Winners for each grade level will receive a prize of \$25.00. All winners, their families and teachers will be invited to a special day at the Faire in 2025!
8. Please sort entries by grade level if you are sending more than one level in your package.
(ONLY 10 ENTRIES PER GRADE LEVEL permitted for entry.)
9. On the following pages, a Teacher Checklist and Student Checklist have been included to ensure compliance with Creative Writing Contest rules.

Deadline for submission: All entries must be in our office by November 22, 2024.

Winners will be selected and teachers informed by email by February 14, 2025.

Mail entries to:
Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire
Attn: Bri Miller
2775 Lebanon Road
Manheim, PA 17545

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

STUDENT CHECKLIST

We want to help you create a successful entry for the Creative Writing Contest and have designed this checklist to assist you with your entry.

Entries that do not follow these specifications will be disqualified.

_____ Review your entry for content:

- _____ Story is fictional
- _____ Story is student's original work
- _____ Story includes at least **TWO CHARACTERS from the 2024 Faire**
- _____ Story shows knowledge and understanding of characters
- _____ Story is historically connected to time frame of the Renaissance Faire

_____ Review your entry format:

- _____ Entry form provided by your teacher is complete
- _____ Entry form is stapled to the back of the story facing outward
- _____ Review entry for correct length: Story is five double-spaced pages or less
- _____ Story pages show no student name, no school name, no grade level, no illustrations
- _____ If typed, story is on 8 1/2" X 11" plain white paper
- _____ If typed, story is in black ink
- _____ If typed, story is in an easy-to-read font, such as Times New Roman, size 12
- _____ If handwritten, story is on 8 1/2" X 11" white lined composition paper
- _____ If handwritten, story is in dark blue or black pen

_____ Review entry for correct mechanics:

- _____ If using Henrician vocabulary and phrasing, be sure you have used them correctly.
- _____ Use a spell-checker or dictionary to check spelling
- _____ Check your entry for proper use of punctuation and grammar
- _____ Read the story to someone to check that your writing makes sense, is organized, the relationships between characters are local, and actions are clear
- _____ Give your entry a title that relates well to your story

_____ **Deadline:** Be sure to return your completed entry to your teacher by the deadline provided to you in class to assist your teacher with getting the entries to the Faire by the final deadline.

The Faire hopes that by providing this checklist, entry into the competition will go more smoothly for everyone and necessary disqualifications will occur.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

TEACHER CHECKLIST

The following checklist will assist as you review your students' work and prepare to enter their stories in the competition.

Entries that do not follow these specifications will be disqualified.

Deadline for Submission: All entries must be received by November 22, 2024.

_____ Enter ten or less stories per grade level

_____ Sort entries by grade level (if sending more than one level)

_____ Mail entries to: Bri Miller, PA Renaissance Faire, 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, PA 17545

_____ Review student work for content:

_____ Story is fictional

_____ Story is student's original work

_____ Story includes at least **TWO CHARACTERS from the 2024 Faire**

_____ Review student work for length: Story is five double-spaced pages or less

_____ Review student work for format:

_____ Entry form is complete

_____ Entry form is stapled to the back of the story facing outward.

_____ Story pages show no student name, no school name, no grade level, and no illustrations

_____ If typed, story is on 8 1/2" X 11" plain white paper

_____ If typed, story is in black ink

_____ If typed, story is in an easy-to-read font, such as Times New Roman

_____ If handwritten, story is on 8 1/2" X 11" white lined composition paper

_____ If handwritten, story is in dark blue or black pen

On the previous page, we have included a Student Checklist. Please photocopy and distribute this page to the students who wish to enter the Creative Writing Contest. The Faire hopes that by providing these checklists, entry into the competition will go more smoothly for everyone and necessary disqualifications will not occur.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Photocopy this form and staple to the back of each entry submitted. Please print all information.

Title of Writing: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Teacher Submitting the Entry: _____

Teacher Email (to receive notification): _____

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Winners will be selected, and teachers informed by email by February 14, 2025.

Mail entries to:
Attn: Bri Miller
PA Renaissance Faire
2775 Lebanon Road
Manheim, PA 17545

DISPLAY ADVERTISING DESIGN CONTEST

Challenge: Create a display advertisement for the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire

Ad Specifications:

Ad Size: 10 inches wide by 6 inches high
black and white or color

Items To Include In Your Ad (entries will be disqualified if any elements are missing):

Headline (your creation)
Faire Dates: August 17 – October 27, 2024
Name of the Event: Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire
Event Website: www.PaRenFaire.com
Location: Rte. 72, Turnpike Exit 266

1. Submit ad entries on 8 1/2 by 11 white paper.
2. Display Advertising Design Contest Entry form must be **complete** and stapled to the BACK of the entry facing outward.
3. Any Display Ad entry which does not follow the instructions will be disqualified.
4. All entries will be judged according to the grade level of the student. A Grand Prize, First, Second, Third and several Honorable Mention winners will be selected from categories ~ Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Placement winners will receive an invitation to a special day at the Faire in 2025!
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SCHOOL DAYS DISPLAY ADVERTISING DESIGN ENTRY FORM

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Teacher Submitting the Entry: _____

Teacher Email (to receive notification): _____

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