



Jack London State
Historic Park's
7th Annual
Young Writers Contest
is now open for 2022!

This year's theme:
**Building Brighter
Communities**

By 1905, well into a successful writing career, Jack London decided to try his hand at farming and purchased his first parcel of land on Sonoma Mountain. But having a quiet farm up a mountain slope wasn't enough for him, he needed it to be a place of progressive change where he could model "green" farming techniques and create his version of a cooperative community where all residents would have fair working conditions and a great quality of life. This was his "Ranch of Good Intentions."

"... I hope to do two things with the ranch: (1) To leave the land better for my having been; (2) and enable thirty or forty families to live happily on ground that was so impoverished that an average of three farmers went bankrupt on each of the five ranches I have run together..." -Jack London

"In the very last talk we ever had together,... he was all afire with enthusiasm over his social creation... and was giving orders for the selection of a site for a school house on the ranch, a store, a post office..." - Charmian London

WRITING PROMPT: Write a fictional story where your character(s) create and dwell in a community of their own invention that is unique, different, emerging, or overcomes something challenging. Be creative in describing how your community works, while still telling us an entertaining story. We want to see what a "brighter community" looks like through your eyes!

Open to Middle School
Students 6th-8th grade



Deadline is
March 31st!

Jack London Park Partners Writing Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. Contestants must write an original story for submission. Each student may submit only one entry.
2. Submissions must be in PDF format (**no hard copies**). Entry form must be a separate PDF from your story, so you will submit 2 PDFS via email to kellis@jacklondonpark.com
3. The submission must be typed, double-spaced, and:
 - a. We will accept a range of 1,500-2,000 words.
 - b. **Submissions that contain more or less than 1500-2000 words will *not* be eligible for the contest.**
4. Submissions must be written in English.
5. Submissions will be judged on narrative style and creative use of language.
6. The submissions must have this completed entry form attached. **Stories submitted without the completed entry form will not be considered.**
7. Student author's name **will** be on this entry form but ***DO NOT*** add student's name to the actual story submitted, as they are judged blindly. Submissions will not be returned.

Deadline for entry is March 31, 2022. Winners will be announced in April.

Stories are judged blindly by a panel of volunteer judges who are <i>not</i> employed by JLPP	AWARDS FOR WINNING ENTRIES
	1 st place \$250
	2 nd place \$150
	3 rd place \$100

Jack London Park Partners Writing Contest Entry Form (please print legibly)

Author's Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Email _____

Grade Level _____ School _____

School Address _____

Title of Submission _____

Word Count _____ (see above restrictions)

I declare that this story is my own original work

Author's signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Email all questions and entries sent ATTN: Kristina Ellis, kellis@jacklondonpark.com