



# Jack London State Historic Park's YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST FOR 2023

## **THIS YEAR'S THEME: Through the Eyes of Animals**

Jack London was known for his naturalistic style of writing and focus on realism. He also stood out with stories that cast animals in the main role and he "spoke" from their point of view. Great examples include *Call of the Wild* and *White Fang*.

**WRITING PROMPT:** Create a story where your main character(s) are animals with animal qualities, like Buck in *Call of the Wild*. Tell the story from their perspective.

**Open to middle school students in 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](mailto: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.

## AWARDS FOR WINNING ENTRIES

**1st place \$250**

**2nd place \$150**

**3rd place \$100**

**Deadline for entry is March 31, 2023. Winners will be announced in April.**

## 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](mailto:kellis@jacklondonpark.com)

