

2018 Norma Johnson Center Essay and Drawing

K through 2nd graders

Illustrate your favorite experience with nature. The illustration should include the animals and plants that were part of this experience and the people you were with that made that experience memorable. Include a title that describes your experience, and, of course, your best art work.

3rd to 8th graders

Write a story describing your favorite experience with nature. Include a drawing of one or more species that helped to make that your favorite experience. Include the species' common and scientific names.

5th to 6th graders

Parasitism is a common interaction in all ecosystems and has led to some interesting life histories among parasites and their hosts. Research a parasitic relationship that occurs locally, and write a story from the parasite's perspective about its life (e.g. from egg-adult). Include an illustration of the parasite at one or more of its stages of development. Label your illustration with the species common and scientific names.

7th to 8th graders

Parasitism is a common interaction in all ecosystems and has led to some interesting life histories among parasites and their hosts. Research a parasite-host relationship that occurs locally, and write a story, from the host's perspective, that details how its life is altered by this parasitic relationship and adaptations that have allowed this species to survive despite the parasitic relationship. Include an illustration of the life stages at which the interaction between these species occurs. Label your illustration with the species' common and scientific names.

Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd places in the following age groups: K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

All winners will receive a NJC Membership and t-shirt

**1st and 2nd place winners will receive a cash prize*

**All winners will receive a free dinner ticket plus one free ticket for a guest to the Annual Meeting on March 8, 2018.*

Contest Rules

- All entries must be post marked or received by February 16, 2018.
- Entries can be submitted by mailing or dropping off essays to: **Norma Johnson Center 85 E. Iron Avenue Dover, Ohio 44622**
- All entries must state the entrants name, school, school number, grade, teachers name, t-shirt size and a home contact number with parent name (This will help staff contact winners for banquet information).
- All entries become property of the NJC. The NJC reserves the non-exclusive right to use all entries in publications or for promotional purposes.
- Judges will select a first and second place winner based on content, thought and posted rubric on normajohnsoncenter.com website under essay contest on the event page. Word requirements for 3-4 grade is 150 words, 5-6 grade is 175 words and 7-8 is 200 words. The word limits listed is just a minimum requirement.
- The winners will be announced on February 21, 2018 on our website. All winners will be contacted by phone to make final arrangements for reading of essays so please include school and a home contact number.
- The top two winners of each category will read their essay during the Norma Johnson Center's Silent Auction and Recognition Program on March 8, 2018 at the Union Hill United Methodist Church 7877 Union Hill Rd NW Sugarcreek, OH 44681.
- Any question concerning the essay contest should be directed to Marsha Freeland at 330.339.7976.
- The Norma Johnson Center is a 501c(3) non-profit organization the intension of this contest is to highlight the Norma Johnson Center.
- The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), Tuscarawas SWCD and the Norma Johnson Center prohibit discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and martial or family status.

Submit essay or drawing with the entry form below.

Students Name	
Grade	
Teachers Name	
School Name, School Phone Number	
Parents Name	
Parents Contact Number	
Address. City. State	

I hereby submit the attached essay/drawing as my own original work and give permission for its publication as determined by the Norma Johnson Center.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____