

# Write Out 2024: Poetry for the Planet

## October 13 – 27, 2024



**What is Write Out?** Write Out is a two-week celebration of writing, making, and sharing inspired by the great outdoors. Sponsored annually by the [National Writing Project](#) and the [National Park Service](#), 2024 marks the seventh year of Write Out.

This year, the [East Texas Writing Project](#) at A&M-Texarkana and the Division of Humanities are hosting a poetry contest with two age groups that ends on Sunday, October 20, the [National Day on Writing](#).

### POETRY FOR THE PLANET CONTEST

#### *Who is eligible to participate?*

**Adult Writers Contest:** Any campus or community member 18 or older in the Four States region (residing/attending school within 150 miles of the A&M-Texarkana campus).

**Young Writers Contest:** Any campus or community member under the age of 18 in the Four States region (residing/attending school within 150 miles of the A&M-Texarkana campus).

#### *How do I participate?*

Submit an original poem on nature, Earth, or similar theme to [ETWPContest@gmail.com](mailto:ETWPContest@gmail.com).

#### **Requirements:**

- One poem per entry; one entry per contestant
- Limit poems to 300 words or less.
- No previously published works
- Poems must be submitted by 9:00 PM, Sunday, October 20, 2024.
- Include contact information at the bottom of the page.

#### *How do I win, and what does the winner receive?*

- Winner will be determined by neutral judges employed at Texas A&M University-Texarkana.
- The **top three** pieces in each category will be considered for publication in a forthcoming issue of *Aquila Review*, Texas A&M-Texarkana's literary journal.
- In addition to publication consideration, the first-place winner receives \$100 Amazon gift card. (Note: the winner must sign a gift card acknowledgement form with the university to receive their prize.)

### CONTEST CONTACT INFORMATION

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