

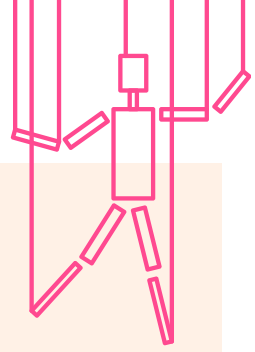


Willow Bend
environmental education center

YOUTH SCRIPT & PUPPET DESIGN COMPETITION

SCRIPTWRITING CATEGORY





Introduction to "Nature Tales" Project and Scriptwriting Contest

Willow Bend Environmental Education Center is excited to have been awarded a Creative Flagstaff's ArtX Grant! This has paved the way for our participation in the inaugural 2024 ARTx Art + Ideas Experience Arizona festival, a celebration of immersive arts set to enchant our community from May 17th to May 26th in Flagstaff.

As part of this artistic endeavor, we are thrilled to unveil our captivating project, "Nature Tales." This initiative goes beyond traditional storytelling, weaving together enchanting puppetry and immersive wildlife exploration to bring the wonders of the natural world to life.

"Nature Tales" promises an extraordinary journey into the heart of nature through interactive performances and engaging activities designed for the entire family.

The Scriptwriting Contest: Unleash Your Imagination!

As a pivotal component of the "Nature Tales" project, we invite the creative youth minds of our community, to participate in the "Nature Tales: Scriptwriting Competition". This contest is an opportunity for budding artists and storytellers to showcase their talents in scriptwriting.

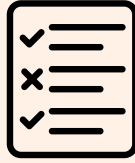
Participants, aged 5-11 and 12-18, are encouraged to let their imaginations soar as they design scripts inspired by the rich tapestry of nature. Whether crafting a whimsical story about Arizona's rich wildlife, or a day in the life of an insect, each script will play a vital role in bringing our puppetry performances to life.

We invite you to explore the guidelines for the Scriptwriting Contest, where creativity, plot structure, and alignment with the nature theme are celebrated. Your scripts, though existing on paper, will transcend into the realm of performance during the ARTx week in May, enchanting audiences and leaving a lasting impression.

OBJECTIVE: SHOWCASE YOUR CREATIVITY WITH A NATURE INSPIRED STORY.

SCRIPTWRITING COMPETITION

AGES 5-11



Guidelines

- Align with "Nature Tales" theme
- Creativity: Original and imaginative narrative
- Clarity: Clear and coherent narrative suitable for a puppetry performance
- Feasibility: Consider practicality and potential for performance
- Limit: Limited to one script, up to three characters
- Characters: Based on real, local-to-Arizona animals/insects/plants
- Length: No more than two minutes, or roughly 300 words, typed

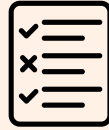


Judging Criteria

- Creativity: Original and imaginative script
- Clarity: Clear and coherent narrative suitable for a puppetry performance
- Feasibility: Consideration of practicality for puppet performance
- Alignment with Nature Theme: Relevance to the "Nature Tales" theme

SCRIPTWRITING COMPETITION

AGES 12-18



Guidelines

- Align with "Nature Tales" theme
- Creativity and Innovation: Unique and innovative storytelling showcasing more complex narrative elements
- Character Development: Depth and complexity in character portrayal
- Plot Structure: Well-structured storyline with a clear beginning, middle, and end
- Functionality: Consider practicality and potential for performance
- Characters: Based on real, local-to-Arizona animals/insects/plants
- Length: No more than 3 minutes, or roughly 450 words, typed
- Limit: Limited to one script, up to three characters



Judging Criteria

- Creativity and originality: Innovative and unique storytelling
- Functionality: Consideration of practicality and potential for performance
- Alignment with Nature Theme: Relevance to the "Nature Tales" theme
- Narrative Structure: Character depth, well thought out storyline
- Overall writing quality



PRIZES (PER AGE GROUP)

1st Place: \$50 Bookmans Gift Certificate, along with the Willow Bend team making your script come to life and having it featured in our shows during ArtX week in May!

Runner-up: \$25 Bookmans Gift Certificate, along with your script printed and displayed at the Flagstaff library.



PARTICIPATION CHECKLIST:

- Attend our Youth Script & Puppet Design Workshop on January 20th (Optional)
- Ensure your script is inspired by nature for the “Nature Tales” theme. Consider local Arizona plants or animals for your story. Be creative and original in your design.
- Ensure your typed script is at the appropriate length and that your characters are based on real, local-to-Arizona animal/insects/plants.
- Submit your entries by 5:00 PM on February 21st, 2024. Check and double-check that all required materials are included.