

Poetry 2009

The entry must be sent to the Event Coordinator, not to Registration, by **March 6, 2009**. The coordinator's address is on the NTLTC website (www.ntltc.org). Submission may be sent electronically or through the mail.

Purpose: To develop the ability to express spiritual feelings and thoughts in the form of poetry and verse.

Process:

- Write a poem that reflects the current year's theme.
- Mail three copies of **both the poem and the Preconvention Submission Form** to the Event Coordinator on or before March 6, 2009.
- Or you may submit the entry electronically. Instructions on the NTLTC website

Rules:

1. The poem may be written in any meter or rhythm. It does not have to rhyme. Poems that do rhyme can adhere to any rhyme scheme.
2. Poems shall start with a title line.
3. A **Preconvention Submission Form** shall be on the front of each entry.
4. Each poem shall be typewritten and shall not exceed one page. Do not use fancy fonts.
5. Adult assistance shall be essentially verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and possible poetic applications, make verbal suggestions on content and style, and note editorial corrections on the participant's written work.
6. Only one poem per participant will be accepted.
7. There are five grade levels in this event: Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Awards:

Ratings and awards of gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention will be given according to the judging criteria listed.

Judging Criteria:

- **Creativity** - Unique or unusual expression of ideas.
- **Theme** - LTC theme should be clearly and accurately presented.
- **Rhyme/Non-Rhyme Scheme** - Use of rhyme schemes, meter or non-rhyming schemes that achieve a poetic effect.
- **Readability** - Appropriate use of "poetic license," desired effect, easy flow.
- **Overall Effect** - Words, style, meaning, attention getting.

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