

Terms and Conditions

Entering the Story in Nature competition

We are so looking forward to receiving your children's entries to the nationwide Story in Nature children's writing competition, run by The Tree Council and The Week Junior Science+Nature. The deadline for entries is 5 December 2022 to mark the end of National Tree Week.

Before you enter a child's submission, please make sure you've read through and understand the terms and conditions below, as well as any additional guidelines listed on the competition page itself. By submitting a child's entry, you are agreeing to be bound by these terms and conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact schools@treecouncil.org.uk.

1. This competition is open to children who are aged between 8 and 15 on 5 December 2022, are based in the United Kingdom and whose entries are submitted by an appropriate parent, guardian or teacher. Evidence of age and residency may be required. Entries received from anyone outside this age group or that do not comply with these terms and conditions will not be eligible.
2. Entry is free.
3. You can only submit one entry per child. An entry can be submitted by a parent, guardian or teacher who has prior approval from the child's parent(s)/guardian(s).
4. Entries can be submitted into one of two categories: under 11 and 11-15 years old.
5. The submission must be an original work that has not been published elsewhere previously. Entries can either be a poem or a piece of prose (no more than 500 words). It should not feature any personal or identifiable details.
6. Your child's entry should be uploaded via The Tree Council's Young Tree Champion website, here: <https://youngtreechampions.org/competitions/story-in-nature/> or sent via email to schools@treecouncil.org.uk with the subject header 'Story in nature competition entry.' You can also submit their entry by post to 4 Dock Offices, Surrey Quays Road, London, SE16 2XU.
7. All entries should give the first name of the child (or a pseudonym if you would prefer) and age, either in the online entry form, in the body of your email or on a separate sheet if entering by post.
8. We are unable to acknowledge receipt of entries or provide feedback on individual contributions.
9. Entries should be mainly written in English but phrases in other languages are acceptable.
10. Entries must be received by The Tree Council by 23.59 GMT on 5 December 2022. Any entries received after that date and time will not be eligible for consideration.
11. Each entry must be the original work of the author. We will run checks for plagiarism on all shortlisted entries.
12. Entries are accepted on the basis that this will be their first publication anywhere in the world and must not have been previously published (in print, including anthologies, magazines, or solo collections; online on any website, including blogs, online magazines or on social media such as Twitter, Facebook or Instagram; broadcast on any regional, national, or online TV station or via any radio platform) or have won any other competition.
13. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning this decision.
14. The competition winners and shortlisted entries will be announced via The Tree Council website and social media channels on 6 January 2022.

15. If your child's entry is successful, we will contact you to discuss their prizes and what publicity we would like to offer, which you will be under no obligation to agree to or accept and can opt out of at any time.
16. The shortlisted works will be published in an e-book by The Tree Council on their website on 6 January 2022. The e-book will be free to download and all shortlisted competitors will be sent a digital copy and a certificate. By entering your child's work, you agree to allow us to publish their entry in this e-book alongside their full name or pseudonym if they are shortlisted.
17. The winning entries from each age category will each receive a year's free subscription to The Week Junior Science+Nature magazine, a £50 book voucher and a book bundle, coordinated and sent out by The Tree Council. If your child is one of the winners, we will contact you to discuss their prizes and your contact details will be shared with The Week Junior Science+Nature to facilitate administration of the subscription prize.
18. By entering your child's writing, you agree to let us use your email address to respond with the results of this challenge. You can ask us to delete your data at any time.
19. We will use the details you have shared to manage your competition entry. You agree to the processing, storage, sharing and use of this information for the purpose of managing your competition entry, in accordance with [The Tree Council's Privacy Policy](#).
20. Where you have given your consent to be contacted by The Tree Council for promotional purposes, you agree to the processing, storage, sharing and use of this information for the stated purpose, in accordance with [The Tree Council's Privacy Policy](#) and in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018. You can ask us to delete your data at any time.
21. Where you have given your consent for The Tree Council to share your data with The Week Junior and The Week Junior Science+Nature, you agree to the processing, storage, sharing and use of this information for the stated purpose, in accordance with [The Tree Council's Privacy Policy](#) and in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018. You can ask us to delete your data at any time.
22. The copyright of each entry remains with the author. However, authors of the shortlisted works, by entering this competition, grant The Tree Council and The Week Junior Science+Nature, the right to publish and/or broadcast their work in perpetuity.
23. Competition entries sent by post cannot be returned under any circumstances. Please make sure you take note of all submissions entered and send copies only.
24. We reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions or cancel this competition at any time if it is necessary or due to circumstances beyond our control.
25. We do not accept any responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem with any server, internet access, system or otherwise which may result in any entry being lost or not received. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
26. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales.

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