



ST. PETERSBURG INTERNATIONAL FOLK FAIR SOCIETY, INC.

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Dear Principals, Multi-Cultural Liaison Representatives, Social Studies Representatives, and Language Representatives,

This year SPIFFS is again sponsoring STUDENT CONTESTS for all grade levels.

In an effort to encourage all students to learn more about their own culture and the cultures of others, the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society, Inc. (SPIFFS) would like to invite the students of your school to participate in the contests on the theme **“Waterways of the World.”** These contests are open to students from all schools.

The contests will be judged on three levels:

1. **Grades 1 – 5:** Drawing (Size 11” x 17”)
2. **Grades 6 – 9:** Artistic collage on poster board.
3. **Grades 10 – 12:** Choose of any type of written expression (essay, poem, personal narrative)

All entries must be submitted to the SPIFFS office by October 20, 2010 and will be judged by a SPIFFS panel.

- a) Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third in each category.
1st Place: \$100 2nd Place: \$50 3rd Place: \$25.
- b) School of winning contestants will be recognized.
- c) School of winning contestants will be notified by October 22, 2010.
- d) Awards and recognition will be presented at the Folk Fair on the appropriate days.
- e) Winning entries will be displayed at the Folk Fair.

RULES & QUALIFICATION: “THE WATERWAYS OF THE WORLD.”

1. Grades 1-5. Participants will draw according to the above mentioned theme of **“Waterways of the World”** on 11” x 17” size paper **ONLY**. Marker, crayons, paint, and other artistic tools are acceptable. Drawings may represent rivers, beaches, or other waterways from the United States or from countries around the world. Contest is open to all participants attending the Folk Fair. Prizes will be awarded to the winners at the Folk Fair.

2. Grades 6-9. Participants will combine all aspects of art to produce a collage according to the above mentioned theme of **“The Waterways of the World”** on regular 22” x 28” poster board paper **ONLY**. Uses of such items as magazines, posters, wrappers, drawings etc., are acceptable by itself or in a combination. Contest is open to all participants attending the Folk Fair, and prizes will be awarded to the winners at the Folk Fair.

3. Grades 10-12. Participants will write an essay, a poem, or some other written expression to produce their own interpretation of the above mentioned theme of **“The Waterways of the World.”** This may be a research project on the environmental aspects of waterways, or a personal narrative, or a creative project about rivers, beaches, or other waterways in the United States or from countries around the world. Entries may vary in length depending on subject matter, but more than two pages are not expected. Prizes will be awarded at the Folk Fair.

The theme of **“The Waterways of the World”** was chosen because the Folk Fair is a part of a larger celebration of the 100th anniversary of the waterfront parks in downtown St. Petersburg. Some students may want to find out more about our own waterfront experiences in the last 100 years.

Sincerely,

Bill Parsons, President of SPIFFS
August 16, 2010

P.S. Please share this information with the appropriate teachers.