

Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition (PPFC)

Whittington Center Essay Contest

This contest is open to children and grandchildren of PPFC members who have been in good standing for two years or more as of March 9, 2017. Essays shall include a coversheet with the youth's full name, address, other contact information and relationship to the PPFC member. Youth candidates must be 13-17 years old at the camp between June 25 to July 7, 2017.

The single winner of this contest is eligible to attend the Whittington Center Adventure Camp in Raton, New Mexico. The camp admission is fully paid by the PPFC. Transportation to and from the camp, necessary equipment and clothing, and incidentals are the responsibility of the winner. In the event the winner cannot attend this session of the camp, the runner-up will be given the opportunity to attend. The successful winner must meet the physical requirements of the Whittington Center Adventure Camp (<http://www.nrawc.org/wc-experience/youth-programs/>).

All essays must be the original work of the youth whose name is listed on the submission form. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.

Essays will be submitted in Microsoft Word Calibri 12 Pt. font. Submitters are encouraged to password protect their document. Essays should be 750-1000 words in length and double spaced. Submissions that do not meet this requirement, or that exceed it, will be disqualified. No information about the author shall be included in the essay. All essays **must be received by 12:00 p.m. (MDT) on April 15, 2017.** Essays will be submitted to the contest administrator by email at essay@ppfc.org.

The winner and runner-up will be selected by a three-judge panel using the criteria listed below. The judges will be members of the PPFC and will not receive the essay author's name. Every entry will be given an overall point ranking between one and ten by each judge, with ten being the high score. The judges' rankings will be known only to the contest administrator, and any ties will be decided by the contest administrator.

Contest Theme: Explain why the United States Founding Fathers felt so strongly about individual firearms ownership that they included, "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed", as the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

All essays will be judged on basis of the following criteria:

- 50% - Relevance to the contest theme
- 25% - Originality and creative thought
- 25% - Technical correctness of grammar and spelling