



# AZ BHA Public Lands Youth Writing Contest

The Arizona Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers is pleased to announce our inaugural youth writing contest. Public lands play an invaluable role in shaping our youth while giving them the opportunity to learn and explore. The purpose of this contest is to encourage youth to share their excitement for our American public lands heritage and give a chance to win some great prizes.

## Contest Prizes:

1st - Vortex Binoculars and Rangefinder package or hunting backpack

2nd- BHA Gear Package (Hat, shirt, Nalgene, stickers)

3rd - Annual BHA Membership

## HOW DOES THE CONTEST WORK?

-This contest is open to 6th to 12th graders with two separate categories:: 6th-8th grade and 9th-12th. Parents may assist the 6th-8th grade writers although we want the kids to take the reins and the parents to support as needed.

-Each applicant is allowed one submission.

-Entries must be one page or less and may include one related image as a separate attachment.

-Entries will be judged by the AZ BHA Board based on how well the topic is developed and presented.

-All entries to be submitted via e-mail. Include a headshot or outdoor picture of writer with submission.

-Winners will be notified by email and announced on chapter social media channels and our monthly newsletter. (Writers will only be identified with the parent's permission.

## Writing Topic

-Writers will answer the question, "how do you define public land, and what does it mean to you?" in one page or less.

## What is Not Allowed

-Plagiarism: It is important that all submissions are based on original thinking and context is not taken from existing sources.

-We will allow parents to support the 6-8th graders but the student must do the bulk of the work.

## 2019-19 ENTRY FORM

### BHA WRITING COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL  
CONTESTANTS PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

Essay Word Count

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTEST RULES**

Signature of Participant

Date

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTEST RULES AND GIVE  
PERMISSION TO AZ CHAPTER OF BHA THE USE OF ENTRIES FOR  
FUTURE PROMOTION AND CONTENT.**

Signature of Parent

Date

**Send your entries via e-mail to  
arizona@backcountryhunters.org.**

**Please attach this form via picture or .pdf format.**