

## Idaho Day Poetry Writing Contest—Junior Division (Gr.4)

Write an original poem about Idaho’s beauty. Your poem may be typed or written. Below is the scoring criteria for the contest. To enter the contest, please submit your poem to Todd Brown, Idaho Falls School District 91 Administration building, 690 John Adams Pkwy. by 5:00 p.m., January 30, 2015. Please include your name and phone number on the back of the entry. Contest entries may be displayed during the local Idaho Day Celebration event planned for March 4, 2015. The contest winner will be invited to read his/her poem during the Idaho Day Celebration event. A cash prize will be given to the contest winner.

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
<b>Captivating</b>	Captivates and involves the reader deeply.	Well focused and interests the reader throughout.	Some focus, but lacks continuity.	Unfocused; author seems unsure of direction.
<b>Content</b>	Poem includes many specific references to things that make Idaho beautiful.	Poem includes some specific references to things that Idaho beautiful.	Poem includes a couple of specific references to things that make Idaho beautiful.	Poem does not include specific references to things that make Idaho beautiful.
<b>Use of Language</b>	Poem uses vivid descriptive words and details.	Poem uses descriptive words and details.	Poem uses some descriptive words and details, but most were basic.	Poem uses few descriptive words and details.
<b>Structure</b>	Poem uses appropriate structure and layout. with proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	Poem is structured. and uses proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling most of the time.	Poem uses some structure. and occasionally uses proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	Poem has little structure. and rarely uses proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
<b>Mechanics</b>	Poem uses proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	Poem uses proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling most of the time.	Poem occasionally uses proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	Poem rarely uses proper capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

(adapted from [mrsfrank99.com/poetry\\_rubric.htm](http://mrsfrank99.com/poetry_rubric.htm))