



Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch Present

4TH GRADE ESSAY AND ART CONTEST



4th Grade Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park Essay & Art Contest: Student Packet

Attention all fourth-grade students in Douglas County! Do you enjoy writing or creating art? The Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch are hosting a special contest just for you! Whether you go to a public, private, or home school, you are invited to participate.

Your challenge is to think about what person, place, or thing has helped life and community grow the most in Carson Valley. You can write an essay or create a piece of art to share your thoughts. Maybe you'll talk about the important relationships with Indigenous people, the impact of agriculture, or the growth of tourism. There are so many possibilities!

If you're interested, here are some important details:

- The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2024, at 12:00 PM.
- Winners will be announced by June 1st, and the community will know by June 15th.
- There will be cash prizes for the top essays and art pieces!
 - 1st Prize winners will take home \$75 each.
 - 2nd Prize winners will take home \$50 each.
 - 3rd Prize winners will take home \$25 each.
 - Two students in each category will be given an honorable mention!

If you choose to write an essay, remember to include:

- Your essay title, name, school name, age, and the date of submission.
- Your essay should be no more than four pages long, double-spaced, and typed if possible. Handwritten essays are also accepted.
- Start with an introduction that grabs the reader's attention and clearly states your main idea.
- Support your ideas with facts and information in the body paragraphs.
- Finish with a conclusion that sums up your main points.

If you decide to create art, here are some guidelines:

- Write your title, name, school name, age, and submission date on the back of your artwork.
- Your art should be on a flat surface like paper or canvas.
- Use any materials you like but avoid tracing or digital images.

- Write a paragraph explaining your artwork and what you wanted to show with it.

Ready to submit your work? Here's How:

- Essays can be emailed as a word document or PDF to education@dangberg.org. Handwritten essays may be scanned and emailed to the address above, or they may be mailed to the address provided below, or dropped off at the Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch Office (Tuesday – Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM). Please call ahead, 775-783-9417.
- Art projects can be mailed to the address provided or dropped off at the Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch Office.
- Be sure to include your entry form with your submission. Ask your teacher, parent, or guardian for this form!
- Mailing Address: Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch, PO Box 1158, Minden, NV 89423

Remember, all entries must be your own original work. And don't forget to sign a release form allowing Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch to use your work.

Good Luck! If you have any questions, write to Sierra Meszaros, Education Specialist, at education@dangberg.org.



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Entry and Release Form

Date: _____ Submission Type: _____ Essay _____ Artwork

Student First and Last Name: _____

Parent or Guardian First and Last Name: _____

Preferred Contact Method: _____
Please provide a phone number, or email address (or both) where you can be notified with contest updates.

School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Release:

The student and parent/guardian all agree to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. That the submission was made by the student and was not copied from another art piece, photograph, illustration, website, or other source, nor made by another; and,*
- 2. That Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch has non-exclusive right to reproduce, distribute and sell copies of, and publicly display, the art or essay submission, providing credit to the creator in each instance. [Any sales benefit the non-profit organization.]*

Printed Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____