



What Is Your Ecological Address?

Annual Environmental Poetry & Art Contest

River of Words conducts a yearly international poetry and art contest for youth on the theme of watersheds.

The contest is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express, through poetry and art, what they discover.

What are readers and judges looking for?

Freshness of language, local specificity, and the quality of being alive to the place.

To be eligible for both Michigan and national prizes, we must receive your art or poetry entry no later than **February 15th 2009**, sent to:

River of Words Contest
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Info & Guidelines:

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A Note to Teachers

We chose watersheds as the theme of our annual River of Words Poetry & Art Contest because it provides an adaptable framework for investigating the natural world, and because developing an intimate, hands-on understanding of the places we live is critical to growing healthy children, citizens, and communities. Your students' investigations can be scaled to meet your particular curricular needs and your resources; watersheds come in all magnitudes.