



**Western Heritage Schools Outreach Program:  
Youth Poetry Contest Key Dates**

as of 14 September 2018

*Theme: "Around the Campfire"*

**August 15 through October 31, 2018 --- Presentations in the Schools** by Western Heritage Volunteers

**November 9, 2018 --- Poems received** by CCPMG. School/organizations should collect poems in sufficient time to mail poems to CCPMG, PO Box 3201, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

**November 17, 2018 --- Poetry Judging.** Volunteer judges gather to judge all the submitted poems. Location: TBA; 9AM- 3PM.

**December 1, 2018 --- Third through Twelfth Grade Winners announced.** Winners' names will be emailed to schools/organizations and mailed to students to advise the teachers/mentors, winners and their parents. Winners should start memorizing their poems!!

**December 8, 2018 --- Photo Shoot for Saddlebag of Poems:** All winners, Scholarship finalists and the Educator of the Year will be photographed by Pauline Fredericks Photography starting at 9AM at Kino Hall, St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church at 800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ. To reduce wait times, 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade winners should arrive at 9AM; 6-8 grade winners should arrive at 9:30AM; 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade winners should arrive at 10AM. Please dress western (no ball caps, no t-shirts & no short sleeves). Cowboy hats and bandannas will be available. Parents will need to sign a picture release form upon arrival.

**December 14, 2018 --- Student and Educator Biographies due:** Biographies should be no more than 100-150 words. Biographies should be emailed to cowboypoetryeil@gmail.com.

**January 12, 2019 --- Cow Pie Party.** Party for all winners and their parents/families. Winners will recite their poems in public. Location: the SV United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 3225 St Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista; time: 11:00AM - 1:00PM. Entertainment will be provided by XXX and Vinny's New York pizza will be served.

**January 31 , 2019 --- Training Sessions for all student winners.** Microphone and presentation training sessions will be provided at Buena High School between 3-5PM for all winners.(changed)

**February 7 & 8, 2019 --- Professional Cowboy Artist presentations in schools.** Artist will perform in all schools which participated in a presentation or submitted poems. Feb 1<sup>st</sup> is limited to those schools with no classes on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and availability of artist volunteers.

**February 8 & 9, 2019 --- Gathering Performances:** First Grand, Second Grand and First Place winners will recite their poems at the Gathering during one of the three main performances at Buena High School\*. Educator of the Year will be recognized at the Gathering.

**February 9, 2019 --- Poetry Presentation\*s:** All winners will recite their poems on Saturday at Buena HS in the Lecture Pod. Elementary students will perform at 10AM; Middle and High school students will perform at 11AM.\*

\*Poetry winners must recite their poems during The Gathering to receive their monetary awards.

Visit the Gathering's official website <http://www.cowboypoets.com/> for more information. See you soon.