



**Western Heritage Schools Outreach Program:
Youth Poetry Contest Key Dates**
as of 19 August 2019

Theme: "It's Cool to be a Cowboy:"

August 19 through October 31, 2019 --- Presentations in the Schools by Western Heritage Volunteers

November 12, 2019 --- 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 16, 2019 --- Poetry Judging. Volunteer judges gather to judge all the submitted poems. Location: TBA; 9AM- 3PM.

December 1, 2019 --- 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 14, 2019 --- 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 Sierra Vista Methodist Church , Fellowship Hall, 3225 St Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista; time: 11:00AM - 1:00PM. To reduce wait times, 3-5th grade winners should arrive at 9AM; 6-8 grade winners should arrive at 9:30AM; 9-12th 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 18, 2019 --- Student and Educator Biographies due: Biographies should be no more than 100-150 words. Biographies should be emailed to moschettikim@gmail.com.

January 12, 2020 --- 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 The Outriders; pizza by Vinny's New York Pizza and soft drinks and water by our local Coca Cola Distributor will be served.

January 30 , 2020 --- Training Sessions for all student winners. Microphone and presentation training sessions will be provided at Buena High School between 3-5PM for all winners.

February 6 & 7, 2020 --- Professional Cowboy Artist presentations in schools. Artist will perform in all schools which participated in a presentation or submitted poems.

February 7 & 8, 2020 --- 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 8, 2020 --- 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.