



## **Fall Fest - September 19, 2009**

### **Essay Contest**

**The Fall Fest Committee would like to invite all Fort Dodge 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to write an essay on “What I love about Fort Dodge”.**

**There will be awards for each grade. The awards will be for:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

#### **GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTEST**

- The title of the essay must be “What I love about Fort Dodge”.
- Each student must be between the grades of 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>
- The essay must be 100 words or less
- All essays must be turned in by September 4, 2009
- All essays will become the property of the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce, which may use the essays for promoting the City of Fort Dodge
- All essays must be clearly marked with the student’s name, grade, school, and teacher
- Judges will choose the winning essays.
- Winning essays will be read during Fall Fest at the gazebo (time to be determined)
- All essays will be displayed at Citizens Central during Fall Fest which is located at 617 Central Avenue in downtown Fort Dodge.
- Several essay entries will be read by the students on the radio between September 8, 2009 and September 18, 2009.

**The teachers will be asked to gather the essays and submit them by Friday, September 4th at 5:00 PM to:**

Fort Dodge Area Chamber of Commerce  
1406 Central Avenue  
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501  
Phone: (515) 955-5500  
Attn: Russ Ruhland

**For questions or more information, please contact Russ Ruhland at (515) 571-6167**



## Judging Essay Contest Criteria

The judges are asked to review each essay based on these criteria:

- **Essay relevant to the topic “What I love about Fort Dodge”** - Does the essay answer the topic question?
- **Spelling/Grammar** - Are there any spelling and/or grammar errors?
- **Wording** - Is the essay 100 words or less?
- **Overall Impression** - Is the essay able to grab the reader’s attention and hold it? What is the ‘wow’ factor?

Using the above criteria as a guide, along with the judges own knowledge of essay writing. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.



## **Fall Fest - September 19, 2009**

### **Art Contest**

**The Fall Fest Committee would like to invite all Fort Dodge Kindergartner through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to an art drawing on “What I love about Fort Dodge”.**

**There will be awards for each grade. The awards will be for:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

#### **GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTEST**

- The title of each art drawing must be “What I love about Fort Dodge”.
- Each student must be between the grades of kindergartner through 4<sup>th</sup>
- All art drawings must be turned in by September 4, 2009
- All art drawings will become the property of the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce, which may use the art drawings for promoting the City of Fort Dodge
- All art drawings must be clearly marked with the student’s name, grade, school, and teacher
- Judges will choose the winning art drawings.
- Winning art drawings will be displayed at the Chamber booth during Fall Fest
- All art drawings will be displayed at Citizens Central during Fall Fest which is located at 617 Central Avenue in downtown Fort Dodge.
- Several art drawings entries will be published in the Messenger between September 8, 2009 and September 18, 2009.

**The teachers will be asked to gather the art drawings and submit them by Friday, September 4th at 5:00 PM to:**

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## Judging Art Drawing Contest Criteria

The judges are asked to review each art drawing based on these criteria:

- **Art Drawing relevant to the topic “What I love about Fort Dodge”** - Does the art drawing cover this topic?
- **Creativity** - Does the artist show some creative thought or original idea in the making of this art drawing?
- **Overall Impression** - Is the art drawing able to grab the viewer’s attention and hold it? What is the ‘wow’ factor? Are there any special effects, or extras?

Using the above criteria as a guide, along with the judges own knowledge of art. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.