

HEY NEW MEXICO KIDS AND YOUNG ADULTS!!!

Do you love hunting and fishing?

Are you looking for
something to do at home?

**THEN CHECK OUT
THE NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
GAME AND FISH
ESSAY WRITING
CONTEST AND TELL
US YOUR HUNTING
AND FISHING STORIES!**

WIN COOL PRIZES FOR YOUR NEXT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!

**You might just see your essay
published in our next issue of
New Mexico Wildlife or our
online newsletter!**



**For questions, please contact New Mexico Wildlife's editor
Alexa Henry at alexa.henry@state.nm.us or (505) 476-8007,
and see back of flyer for full details**

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY:

Please select the appropriate submission group based on the grade you will enter in August 2020. Then, select one of the two topics. Only one entry per participant is permitted.

EACH ESSAY MUST MUST INCLUDE 3-5 PHOTOS THAT YOU TOOK OR WERE TAKEN OF YOU ABOUT YOUR TOPIC.

Elementary students (Grades K-6)

200-word essay

Topic:

- My favorite hunting or fishing trip.
- My wild backyard. Describe the amazing animals and plants in your backyard.

Middle school students (7-8)

300-word essay.

Topics:

- Why is conservation important to you? Describe three things you would like to do to protect New Mexico's wildlife.
- Why should you hunt or fish? Pretend you have a friend who has never been hunting or fishing before. Tell them why they should join you on a hunting or fishing trip.

High school students (9-12):

500-word essay.

Topic:

- Why is hunting important for wildlife conservation?
- What is your favorite place to go fishing in New Mexico, and why? Share a fond memory of fishing at this place and why you would recommend it to others.

Contest rules:

1. Submissions must be sent to: **dgf-editor@state.nm.us** and must include:
 - a. Essays must be submitted as Microsoft Word documents, double-spaced. The Department will not accept essays via mail or text.
 - b. Pictures must be submitted in low resolution .jpg format.
 - c. Essays must include the author's name, school, grade and email address. Parent/guardian(s) contact and mailing address information must also be provided
2. All content must be original. Plagiarized content will be disqualified. We will check!
3. All submissions are due by June 30, 2020 by 5 p.m. winning announcements will be made on July 17, 2020.

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