

**Writing contest deadline: October 15, 5 pm Get writing!**

## **Hooray for Scout Island Nature Centre!**

What do you love about this natural treasure right in our city? We want to hear what Scout Island Nature Centre means to you, so we're announcing a writing contest, open to everyone. Express your thoughts celebrating Scout Island Nature Centre and you'll be eligible for some delightful prizes, provided by The Nature Trust and Williams Lake Field Naturalists. In honour of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Nature Trust of BC (TNT) is partnering with us in this project. Any written format is welcome: poem, story, essay, or song -- illustrated or not. The contest topic is open to your imagination, but here are some ideas: What do you like to do there? What secret places or special walks do you treasure? Do you have a favourite memory? What animal or plant have you connected with? What do you think about the people and the history that have made Scout Island Nature Centre what it is today? You might write a note inviting to a friend to visit Scout Island Nature Centre with you, describing what you'll do and see, what the best part will be, etc. TNT and WLFN are offering prizes in the following categories:

- Primary (grades K-4) Suggested topic: Why Scout Island Nature Centre is a happy place for me and for wildlife
- Intermediate (grades 5-7) Suggested topic: Why Scout Island Nature Centre is a happy place for me and for wildlife
- High School (grades 8-12)
- Adult

Contest deadline is 5 p.m. October 15, 2011. Maximum length 250 words.

Please send submissions to [neptune@goldcity.net](mailto:neptune@goldcity.net) or mail to Scout Island Nature Centre, 1305A Borland Rd, Williams Lake, BC V2G 5K5.

Include your contact information and age (if under 18).

High school and adult prizes have been finalized for Scout Island's writing contest.

### **Adults**

*First Prize:* Are competing for a great opportunity to learn about Life at Scout Island on a nature walk with one of our expert naturalists. Catered lunch included! Bring along 3 friends for a delightful afternoon.

*Second prize:* is a stylish nature nerd outfit: Scout Island T-shirt, Nature Trust toque and caribiner.

*Third prize:* stainless steel water bottle, Nature Trust toque and caribiner.

### **High school:**

*First prize:* winner gets a pair of quality binoculars, Nature Trust toque and caribiner.

*Second prize:* Nature journal, Scout Island t-shirt, Nature Trust toque and caribiner.

*Third prize:* Nature Trust toque and caribiner.

Contests in each school will award prizes for our favourite individual entries as well as a free field trip for the class from each school that submits the most pieces.

Entries are invited until October 15 so get those keyboards tapping and sharpen those pencils! The colours of fading leaves, grasses and marsh vegetation going dormant and brightly coloured fruits are really gorgeous right now, so come take a walk for inspiration.

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