

**YOUTH ESSAY CONTESTS**

**Shelter Island Through the Seasons**

**Ages 10-13**

**200-400 words**

**Ages 14-18**

**500 words or more**

**Theme**

**Due Date**

**Shelter Island Summer, 2009**

**10/15/09**

**Shelter Island Autumn, 2009**

**1/15/10**

**Shelter Island Winter, 2010**

**4/15/10**

**Shelter Island Spring, 2010**

**7/15/10**

**Rules**

- 1) The essay must have a clear relationship to the theme.
- 2) The essay must be the original work of the entrant, attested by a responsible adult.
- 3) The essay must be postmarked on or before closing date.

**Judging**

- 1) Handwritten entries are preferred, and will be given particular consideration.
- 2) All entries will be evaluated on receipt for legibility, spelling, grammar and usage. The critique will be returned to the entrant promptly.
- 3) Entrants are encouraged to rewrite and resubmit the work, taking the critique into account, within 2 weeks following the due date. Early entrants will have an advantage in responding to the critique.
- 4) A single outstanding entry in each division on each theme MAY be awarded a \$50 cash prize. The cash award is not guaranteed and will be awarded solely at the discretion of the judge. Selected entries may be posted at the Youth Center in their final form.
- 5) Each entry must be accompanied by the entry form below.

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**ENTRY FORM**

**(to be completed and returned with the essay, postmarked on or before the due date)**

**Name of entrant:\_\_\_\_\_ Theme due date: \_\_/ \_\_/ \_\_ Age as of due date: \_\_**

**The essay must be attested by a responsible adult to be original work by the entrant.**

**Name of responsible adult:\_\_\_\_\_ Relation to entrant:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Entrant's signature:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Entrant contact information: Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Mail\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_**

**Entries are to be mailed to:**

**YOUTH ESSAY CONTESTS PO Box 522 Shelter Island NY 11964**