

Crossroads Cowboy Poetry Contest for Youth

Depew, Okla.- The 9th Annual Crossroads Cowboy Poetry Gatherin' is hosting a Youth Cowboy Poetry Contest!

Entries for the contest may be mailed in, hand-delivered or emailed by Friday April 15, 2025. Students who wish to compete 'in person' must sign up via email or snail mail by April 15, 2025.

The '**in person**' competition will be Friday, April 25, 2025, at 6 PM at the
Crossroads Ranch, 21186 South 465th W Avenue, Depew, Ok.

Please contact Dove Morgan Schmidt if you have questions: 918-939-9085,
or email dove.morgan@yahoo.com

To Enter:

Students must write their **own original poem**.

Contest is open to all public, private, and homeschooled students, grade Kindergarten through 12th grade from anywhere in the U.S.A.

- Poems must be about the cowboy way of life, ranch life, cowboys, cowgirls, livestock, rodeo, or anything that is directly related (the barn cat, working dogs, riding horses, the environment of the ranch such as hot summers and riding horses.)
- Poems must be a **minimum** of eight lines and **maximum** of 2 pages long.
- Poems can be handwritten or typed and must be the student's own work.
- One entry per student.
- Poems written in language other than English **MUST** have a translation attached.
- Poems are judged on creativity, originality, figurative language, appropriateness of content, and structure (traditional form-rhyme, voice, stanzaic pattern and other elements that comprise poetry).

All student poets will receive a certificate of participation from the Crossroads Cowboy Poetry Gatherin' and trophies will be awarded to the winners. Winning entries along with the student's name and school will be published on the Cowboy Poetry websites.

Judges are a panel of award-winning cowboy poets and writing professionals.

*This contest is in conjunction with the
9th Annual Crossroads Cowboy Poetry Gatherin' April 25-27, 2025*

Crossroads Cowboy Poetry Youth Contest Entry Form

There are 2 ways to enter the contest!

You can email dove.morgan@yahoo.com

OR

Mail this form to : *Crossroads Cowboy Poetry Gatherin'*
Youth Poetry Contest
P.O. Box 928
Bristow, OK 74010

- Please print the following information legibly.
- A parent must sign this form.

I will be competing in: 1. In Person Competition _____ 2. Mail-in Competition _____

Student's Name: _____ *Age:* _____

Phone number(required for notification): _____

Email (if available): _____

School or Homeschool: _____

Grade: _____

I, _____ Parent/Guardian Signature,

approve of my child, _____ entering the Crossroads

Ranch Youth Cowboy Poetry Contest.