

BAAMFest 2017 Haiku Contest!



Rainier Beach Arts & Music (BAAM) Fest, signature event of the Rainier Beach Merchants Association, is happening on July 22nd at the Rainier Beach Community Center from 11 am – 7 pm. BAAMFest's theme this year is "Come Together- embracing how we as a community unite and thrive together through diversity, community involvement and exploration of who we are through all forms of art." So tell us about you, Rainier Beach and people coming together in a haiku!

Fill out the bottom part of this page and submit it before July 3 to compete for prizes! See your haiku on a poster on Henderson Avenue! Read your published poem in a BAAMFest book!

Two ways to submit your entries

1. Email form to: sallyli@uw.edu
2. Leave your card with a participating merchant (where you picked up this form or other merchants).

Rules

1. A haiku doesn't have to rhyme (and usually doesn't). Write it with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second and five in the third. (See more about writing haiku on reverse side)
2. Please be respectful of our community and stick to "family-friendly" content.
3. Multiple entries may be submitted but only one poem per author will be displayed.
4. Submissions must be received by July 3rd to qualify for prizes.

Your 2017 BAAMFest Haiku:

5 Syllables: _____

7 Syllables: _____

5 Syllables: _____

NAME _____ Age/Grade (optional) _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Neighborhood or school _____

SUBMIT BY JULY 3rd TO QUALIFY FOR HAIKU CONTEST.

Accepted submissions will be installed July 22 on Henderson from Rainier Beach Light Rail station to Rainier Beach Community Center (maximum 1 poem per author). Submitted Haiku may be published in a book that will be the property of the Rainier Beach Merchants Association and sold as a fundraiser at BAAMFest. **By submitting your haiku, you agree to this use of your work.**

PRIZES TO BE DETERMINED. Last year 1st prize was \$100. This year we hope to have more prizes including special prizes by age group.



Haiku became a popular form of poetry with the work of Basho Matsuo in Japan in the 1600's and it is still modern today! And, whether you are in a class or with friends or are writing by yourself, you can do it! Here are the rules:

- Haiku are short! You have 17 syllables in 3 lines - 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables (if you need help with syllables, watch one of the videos listed below).
- Cover just one moment in time, one action, one thing.
- Paint a picture with your words
- Traditional haiku has to contain seasonal references (e.g., "cherry blossoms fall"). That works here too but is not as important as talking about Rainier Beach and coming together, whether friends, or peoples or cultures.
- Use every day language - nothing fancy or complicated. People find haiku language in songs, ads, microwave instructions, everywhere!
- Most strong haiku make two images that are related but maybe a little different. One image might be part of the other. Or it might be a break or shift in the poem that creates a moment of surprise. A couple of examples:

An old silent pond...
A frog jumps into the pond,
splash! Silence again.
- Basho Matsuo

Still watching Frozen,
Wondering how much longer
Til they let it go...
-suburbanhaiku.com

Want more information? Here are some internet sites to get you started.

https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/lesson-plans/migrated-featured-files/dec05_unit_whatishaiku.pdf

<https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/lesson/get-your-haiku>

How to write haiku (for kids) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOMuVpN8XqM>

How to count syllables (for kids) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YniPzjJaivw>

Writing haiku (for high school & adults) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+VLxV5tRRo9g>

You've been writing haiku wrong –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUDuRKwh8k>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/printouts/haiku-starter-30697.html>

<http://www.hsa-haiku.org/EducationalResources/Workshop-Richmond-Haiku-lesson-plans.pdf>

