



THE 38th ANNUAL ARIZONA MATSURI 2022

Saturday & Sunday, February 26-27, 2022
Steele Indian School Park 300 E Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ

December 15, 2021

Dear Educator,

Re: **Arizona Matsuri Haiku Poetry Contest Notice**

The city of Phoenix will be holding the 38th annual ARIZONA MATSURI, a Festival of Japan, on February 26-27, 2022, at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix, Arizona. At this Festival we are holding our 8th annual HAIKU EXPO, and inviting students across Arizona to participate by writing their own Arizona-inspired Haiku and submitting to the Haiku Poetry Expo. At last year's festival, we had many submissions from across Arizona and the winning entries are published in a free ebook featured on our website (www.azmatsuri.org).

Haiku builds on the resurgence of poetry and it encourages youth to learn about a very simple yet beautiful way of expressing images of nature. Haiku use simple concrete images of things we can see, smell, taste, touch or feel. The best Haiku poems reveal the essence of a thing so clearly that the reader can experience the momentary scene or insight that inspired the author.

On behalf of the Arizona Matsuri and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, we invite your participation in Haiku Expo 2022. Teacher packets include **Lesson Plans, Reference Guide, Terms and Conditions** and **Submission Guidelines** available from the Arizona Matsuri website. Entries may be submitted online with a limit of three entries per person.

howling monsoon winds
dust devil coming my way
western dreamy draw

this is a haiku
you could write a better one
go ahead and try

HAIKU EXPO 2022

- Haiku Poetry Expo - Associated with the 36th Annual Arizona Matsuri: A Festival of Japan
- Six Categories: Gr. K-3; Gr. 4-6; Gr. 7-8; Gr. 9-12; Adult; Japanese Language
- This activity may be completed as a class, group or individually
- Submissions must be the author's original work and can be written in English or Japanese
- Admission to Arizona Matsuri and participation in the Haiku Expo is free.

Submission Period: December 15th, 2021 to **February 12th, 2022**

Haiku Expo: February 26-27, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Steele Indian School Park 300 E Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85012

Details: The Haiku Expo is free and open to the public, but online participation is required.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.azmatsuri.org>

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