

# Yahara River Writers Anthology XXVII Project

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## HIGHLIGHTS for 2009-2010

<b>District allotments and assignments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please check your district to be sure you know your correct allotment and assignment. Some of the district code numbers have changed so check those too!</li> </ul>
<b>Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of the materials are on the website. Go to <a href="http://www.greaterdanetag.org">www.greaterdanetag.org</a>. Click on Student Programs and go to Yahara. The FORMS are separate from the explanations and instructions.</li> </ul>
<b>Entry formatting requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is <b>CRUCIAL</b> are the <b>word counts and line counts</b>. Entries can be disqualified for going over these counts.</li> <li>• Font, font size, and margins are specified, but are not as important. We will print clean copies of each text entry on the editing day, and may even change some of these things.</li> <li>• Putting the student/grade/district information on the text entries is now <b>OPTIONAL</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Judging copies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>READ</b> the directions for preparing entries. Some things have been tweaked to help out the judging chair.</li> <li>• When you bring your entries in January, divide the judging copies into 3 complete sets. You must put each set into a different judging folder.</li> </ul>
<b>Procedure for electronic copies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a good idea to collect electronic copies of your entries in Word format so that you have them available when they are requested in February.</li> <li>• In late February, the list of Top Ten winners will be sent to you. <b>DO NOT</b> announce winners at this time, since entries over the word counts could still be disqualified.</li> <li>• You will have approximately two weeks to send electronic copies of your winning text entries to the editing chair. <b>CHECK THE WORD/LINE COUNTS</b> to be sure your students won't be disqualified on the editing day.</li> </ul>

# 2009-10 Yahara River Writers – The Basics

## **What is Yahara?**

Yahara is a writing/cartooning contest for students in grades 5-8. It is sponsored by the Greater Dane County TAG Network. Students may enter ONE piece in any ONE of these categories: Cartoons, Editorials, Poetry, Short Stories. All participating districts are expected to help with various aspects of the Yahara Project as assigned.

## **Register to Participate**

In the fall, districts register to participate in the Yahara Project. Registration fees are based on each district's "allotment" for total number of entries, which is based on the district enrollment. If your "allotment" is 3, then you may enter 3 pieces in each category per grade: 3 fifth grade poems, 3 sixth grade poems, 3 seventh grade poems, 3 eighth grade poems, 3 fifth grade cartoons, etc. Districts must pay the fee for their allotment. (Some districts create their own publication in order to include more pieces than can be submitted to Yahara.)

## **Work with Teachers**

Through December, TAG or other personnel work with 5-8 teachers in their districts to encourage and solicit entries from students. This packet contains handouts for teachers about each of the categories and all of the requirements.

## **Prepare Entries for Submission**

In January, a district representative will prepare the entries for submission, following all of the guidelines that will be provided.

## **January Collection Day**

A district representative must bring all of the entries IN PERSON to the January TAG Network meeting by 8:30 a.m.

## **Judging**

Districts are assigned to read all of the entries, and to select the ten best in each category per grade level. From the ten best, the top two (first and second place) are identified.

## **Yahara River Writers Anthology**

All of the top ten entries are published in the anthology. Each student published and each district registered receives ONE copy of the anthology. Additional copies can be ordered for \$10.

## **Top Ten Workshop**

In May, all authors of the top ten entries are invited to a workshop on the UW campus. A keynote speaker and breakout sessions for guided activities are highlights of the workshop.

## Yahara Calendar 2009-10

<b>September TAG meeting</b>	District information will be available on the website by the time of the first meeting.
<b>October-December</b>	Districts work on Yahara entries
<b>November</b>	All district assignments verified by chairs.
<b>January TAG Meeting</b>	Entries must be delivered to the meeting by 8:30 a.m. IN PERSON by a representative from the district. Districts with judging assignments must take the entries for judging with them.
<b>February 15</b>	Top Ten judging completed and forwarded to Top Two judges.
<b>February 19</b>	Top Ten lists sent to district contacts in order to submit electronic files, NOT for public announcement.
<b>March 4</b>	Top Two judging completed.
<b>March 4</b>	Electronic copies of winning text entries postmarked to Editing Chair.
<b>March 8-12</b>	Editing completed and anthology prepared for printer.
<b>March 16</b>	Participating districts notified of final results of judging. Results may now be publicly announced.
<b>April 1</b>	Top Ten Workshop Registration form due. Last day to order extra copies of anthology. (Each participating district and each published author receives a copy.)
<b>March 29-Apr 16</b>	Anthology goes to print.
<b>April 23</b>	Fees for additional anthologies and parents due to treasurer.
<b>Monday, May 3, 2010</b>	Workshop for Top Ten authors at MEMORIAL UNION, 8:30-Noon

There are additional dates and deadlines related to each district's judging, editing, or workshop assignment. Please see the overviews for these areas.

# District Allotments and Fees 2009-2010

## Allotments

This chart shows the number of entries you may submit **per category per grade**. If your allotment is 3, you may send in 3 poetry entries for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 3 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, etc. Allotments are based on 2008-2009 FTE membership data for the district, rounded to the next higher 500, with one entry allowed per every 500 students. There is a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 10 entries per district.

## Fees

Fees are based on allotments. Districts **MUST** pay the fee for their allotment.

If your allotment is...	then your fee is...
2-3	\$60
4-5	\$90
6-7	\$120
8-10	\$150

**The number (#) listed for your district is the one to be used on coding student entries.**

#	District	Allotment	#	District	Allotment
1	Albany	2	16	Monroe	6
2	Belleville	2	17	Monticello	2
3	Beloit	10	18	Mount Horeb	5
4	Cambridge	2	19	New Glarus	2
5	Deerfield	2	20	Oregon	8
6	DeForest	7	21	Parkview	3
7	Eagle School	2	22	Poynette	3
8	Evansville	4	23	Stoughton	7
9	Fall River	2	24	Sun Prairie	10
10	Lake Mills	3	25	Verona	10
11	Lodi	4	26	Waunakee	7
12	Madison Country Day	2	27		
13	McFarland	5	28		
14	Middleton-Cross Plains	10	29		
15	Monona Grove	7	30		

The list includes districts that participated in Yahara in 2008-09 and those who indicated they are planning to participate this year. If your district is not listed and you wish to participate this year, please contact Martha Barlow for a district number and a work assignment.

## District Assignments 2009-2010

### Assignments

All districts are needed to assist with various aspects of the Yahara River Writers Project. Listed below are the areas each district is assigned to help this year. More details of your assignment can be found in the Chair Overviews document. **Each participating district is REQUIRED to follow through on the assignment.** If you wish to trade your assignment, please work that out between districts and notify the Chairs involved. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, you must locate your OWN replacement. **Districts new to Yahara** should contact Martha Barlow for a district number and an assignment.

(To find more specifics about your assignment area, refer to the overview page for that area.)

#	District	Area	Assignment Specifics
1	Albany	Judging	Judge Editorials 8 & Poetry 7
2	Belleville	Workshop	Awards, registration, folders
3	Beloit	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Editorials 5 & 6
4	Cambridge	Workshop	Locate speaker, prepare intro
5	Deerfield	Judging	Judge Cartoons 5 & Short Stories 6
6	DeForest	Editing	Send two people to editing day
7	Eagle School	Editing	Send two people to editing day
8	Evansville	Judging	Top Two Judges
9	Fall River	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Poetry 7 & 8
10	Lake Mills	Judging	Judge Editorials 5 & Poetry 6
11	Lodi	Judging	Judge Editorials 6 & Poetry 5
12	Madison Country Day	Judging	Judge Editorials 7 & Poetry 8
13	McFarland	Judging	Judge Cartoons 7 & Short Stories 8
14	Middleton-Cr Pl	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Cartoons 7 & 8
15	Monona Grove	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Cartoons 5 & 6
16	Monroe	Editing	Send two people to editing day
17	Monticello	Judging	Judge Cartoons 8 & Short Stories 7
18	Mount Horeb	Editing	Send two people to editing day
19	New Glarus	Judging	Judge Cartoons 6 & Short Stories 5
20	Oregon	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Poetry 5 & 6
21	Parkview	Editing	Send two people to editing day
22	Poynette	Editing	Send two people to editing day
23	Stoughton	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Editorials 7 & 8
24	Sun Prairie	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Short Stories 5 & 6
25	Verona	Workshop	Lead Breakouts: Short Stories 7 & 8
26	Waunakee	Editing	Send two people to editing day

If some districts do not participate in 2009-10, then some of the larger districts may be asked to take additional assignments.