

THE HOOSIC RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
in cooperation with *The Advocate* and Inkberry presents:

"Hoosic Moments"
The 3rd Annual
Hoosic River Writing Competition

AGE GROUPS:

JUNIOR HIGH (grades 7-9), HIGH SCHOOL (grades 10-12); ADULT

CATEGORIES:

CREATIVE NONFICTION: An essay or narrative, five hundred words or less, vividly evoking a personal experience with a river, stream, or body of water that feeds the Hoosic River.

POETRY: One or two poems, totaling thirty lines or less, related to rivers or water.

JUDGING AND PRIZES:

- Winners will be selected by the staff of *The Advocate* and the designees of Inkberry.
- All winning entries will be published in *The Advocate*.
- First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each category. Traditionally, these are a mix of cash, gifts, gift certificates, and glory!

EDITORIAL SUPPORT: free editorial support will be provided by Inkberry. Call 413-664-0775 for info.

RULES

Adults and students in grades 7-12, who live or attend school in the Hoosic River watershed, are eligible (see below for details). Please submit two (2) copies of each entry. All entries must be typed on standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper with a cover sheet including the entrant's name, address, and phone number. Youth entrants should include their school grade, and the name of the student's teacher. The first page of each creative nonfiction entry should include the title of the work, but not the author's name. Each poem should have its own title, but not the author's name. The actual entries become property of the Hoosic River Watershed Association. Entrants retain all copyrights to their work and grant permission for publication of winning entries in *The Advocate*, their use in promotional materials by the contest's sponsors, and display at HooRWA events. The decision of the judges will be final. Entries must be postmarked on or before Friday, April 1, 2005. Winners will be announced in May, 2005 and will read their works at a public awards ceremony.

Send submissions to:

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The Hoosic River watershed includes the communities of: Lanesborough, Berkshire, Hancock, Cheshire, Adams, North Adams, Savoy, Clarksburg, Williamstown, New Ashford (MA); Stamford, Pownal, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Woodford (VT); Berlin, Buskirk, Cambridge, Cropseyville, Eagle Bridge, Grafton, Hoosick, Hoosick Falls, Johnsonville, Middle Falls, North Hoosick, Petersburg, Schaghticoke, Valley Falls (NY)

