2019 SYP Story Contest
Rules & Regulations

Hello SYP participants! Did you have an awesome summer exploring and discovering with us? Here is an opportunity for you to share your story and a chance to win the ultimate Michigan Technological University gift basket! Submit one of your photos from the summer, along with a short story explaining what your Summer Youth Programs experience meant to you. Let us know your favorite part of the SYP experience and tell others why they should attend too!

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. BY PROVIDING A SUBMISSION, SUBMITTER AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THESE OFFICIAL RULES AND THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES, WHICH SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL RESPECTS.

CONTEST TIMING: The contest submission period begins at 5 p.m. ET on Friday, June 21, 2019 and ends at 5 p.m. ET on Friday, August 16, 2019. The contest judging will take place between August 17, 2019 and August 22, 2019. Winners will be announced on August 23, 2019 and notified by phone.

Photos that also have a minimum of 100 word story will be judged by a panel consisting of Michigan Tech students and staff. Social media will be used to gather public opinion. One grand prize winner will be selected from each class level (high school or middle school).

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Overall content and authenticity of story
- Quality and content of photograph
- Use of proper grammar and detail in description

ELIGIBILITY: Only students who attended a Michigan Tech’s summer program in 2019 are eligible to win. Prizes in the contest will be awarded to the best story and photo combination, as deemed by the panel of judges, submitted by an individual. A minimum of 100 word description must also be submitted and all items will be judged by a panel consisting of Michigan Tech students and staff. Judging criteria will include: quality and content of photograph, use of proper grammar and detail in description and overall content and authenticity of story. Please ensure your entry follows all RULES & REGULATIONS and submit
your signature along with your parent or legal guardians in order to complete your application per our conditions.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be submitted in digital format. All photo entries must be a .JPG format and descriptions must be submitted in English.
2. No copyrighted materials may be used in your submission.
3. No professional assistance is allowed.
4. Only one photograph is allowed to be submitted, photo collages with multiple images will not be accepted or multiple entries by one student.
5. All portions of the online entry form must be completed when you upload your photograph for it to be eligible.
6. By submitting this application I hereby grant Michigan Tech a perpetual royalty-free license to copy, distribute, modify, display and perform publicly and otherwise use, and authorize others to use, my photograph and/or description for any University or educational purposes throughout the world and in any media.
7. I agree to be bound by the official contest rules and decisions of the judges.

Entries may not contain, as determined by the Sponsor, in its sole discretion, any content that:

8. is sexually explicit or suggestive; is unnecessarily violent or derogatory of any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group; is profane or pornographic; or contains nudity;
9. promotes alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons (or the use of any of the foregoing); promotes any activities that may appear unsafe or dangerous; promotes any particular political agenda or message;
10. is obscene or offensive; endorses any form of hate or hate group; appears to duplicate any other Submissions;
11. contains copyrighted materials owned by others (including photographs, sculptures, paintings, and other works of art or images published on or in websites, television, movies or other media), without permission;
12. contains images of individuals other than the submitter without permission;
13. communicates messages or images inconsistent with the nature of this initiative or the best interests of the University;
14. violates any law.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION: By participating in the contest, submitters (and submitter's parent or legal guardian if Submitter is a minor) agree (a) to release and hereby do release Michigan Tech, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents, and employees and any parties donating prizes from any and all claims, damages or liabilities arising from or relating to such submitter's
participation in the contest or the subsequent use or publication of any submission; and (b) to waive and hereby waive all rights to claim actual, punitive, incidental, consequential, or any other damages from Michigan Technological University, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents, and employees; and (c) assume and do hereby assume all risks of participation and arising from Michigan Tech's subsequent use of any submissions; and (d) hereby covenant not to sue, agree to hold Michigan Technological University, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents and employees harmless from and to indemnify them from and against any and all claims, damages, injuries or liabilities incurred as a result of or arising from their participation in the contest or the subsequent use or publication of any submission.

If a finalist/winner is found to be ineligible or not in compliance with these Official Rules, the prize(s) may be forfeited and an alternate winner may be selected.

By submitting an Entry, you hereby grant Sponsor a royalty-free, fully paid up, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive and fully sub-licensable right and license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, combine with other works, create derivative works from, distribute, perform, edit and display such Entry (in whole or part) including, without limitation, the names and likenesses of any persons or locations embodied therein, and/or to incorporate it in other works in any form, media, or technology now known or later developed. These rights include the ability to use the Entry in any and all media including but not limited to the Sponsor’s social media properties and/or offline media to promote Michigan Tech’s Summer Youth Programs, in perpetuity without compensation, permission or notification to participant or any third party. By submitting an Entry, entrants acknowledge that Sponsor has no obligation to use or post any Entry submitted. Michigan Tech reserves the right to disqualify any contestant found noncompliant with our rules and conditions of participation.