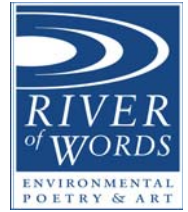




ATTENTION K-12 STUDENTS —

San Francisco Estuary Project & River of Words



Invite Students to Submit Poetry & Art to —

The Creek Seekers: Exploring East Bay Creeks

A Special Prize Category of the 14th Annual
River of Words Environmental Poetry & Art Contest

Win \$100*

**a train trip, and learn about
creeks & your estuary!**

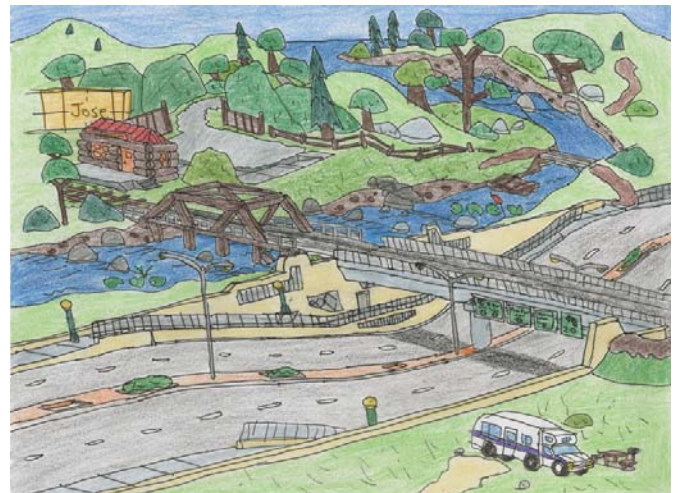
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2009

This year the San Francisco Estuary Project and River of Words will award 10 *Creek Seeker Prizes** to students in: Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, San Pablo, El Sobrante, Richmond, Hercules, Crockett, Port Costa, Pinole, Rodeo, or Martinez.

Students from these cities who enter the 2009 River of Words Contest will automatically be entered in the Creek Seekers Contest as well. *Some of the creeks that run through these communities include Rodeo, Refugio, Rheem, Garrity, San Pablo, Derby, Potter, San Antonio, Blackberry, Sausal, East, Harwood, Arroyo Viejo, Alhambra, Wildcat, Codornices, Schoolhouse, Strawberry, Temescal, Baxter, Marin, Cerrito, Lion, Peralta, Courtland, and Seminary.* ***Which one runs closest to your school or home?***

SF Estuary Project/River of Words Creek Seekers Contest

- Learn about your local creeks and how they connect to the largest estuary on the West Coast.
- Materials and instructional resources are available for teachers.
- Contact Louisa Michaels, louisa@riverofwords.org, 510-548-7636 for details.
- For entry forms, visit: <http://www.riverofwords.org>
- Use the regular River of Words entry; you'll be automatically entered in both contests.



"Silver Lake"
Jose' Guzman, Age 9
Stockton, CA
2007 Finalist River of Words ©

***One \$100 Prize, plus 10 Finalist Prizes.**

All winners will go on a special Amtrak train, "The Creek Seekers Express," from Oakland's Jack London Square, along the shoreline tracks to Martinez. On the way, we'll have lunch and view and learn about the many creeks that empty into the San Francisco Bay Estuary. We'll disembark in Martinez, visit the beaver family in Alhambra Creek, and John Muir's house. Prizes will be publicly awarded to all the winners at the 2009 9th Biennial State of the Estuary Conference in September, along with an exhibit of the winning art. www.sfestuary.org