



THE 40th ANNUAL ARIZONA MATSURI 2024

Saturday & Sunday, February 24-25, 2024
Steele Indian School Park 300 E Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ

Dear Educator,

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

The city of Phoenix will be holding the 40th annual ARIZONA MATSURI, a Festival of Japan, on February 24-25, 2024, at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix, Arizona. At this Festival we are holding our 9th 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, we invite your participation in the Haiku Expo. 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

- Haiku Poetry Expo - Associated with the 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 1st, 2023 to **February 16th, 2024**

Haiku Expo: February 24-25, 2024, 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>

Contact: General inquiries can be emailed to: haiku@azmatsuri.org