



## If Nature Had a Voice – Contest

**"If Mother Nature Could Speak, What Would She Say?"**

**Official Contest Rules & Regulations**

### 1. CONTEST OVERVIEW

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization invites elementary school students to participate in the **"If Mother Nature Could Speak, What Would She Say?"** contest. This contest encourages students to express their creativity and environmental awareness through written or artistic responses to the prompt.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- Open to students in **Grades 1 to 4** and **Grades 5 to 8** in Ontario.
- Contest entries will be judged in two separate categories:
  - **Grades 1 to 4**
  - **Grades 5 to 8**
- Entries must be submitted by an individual student; group entries will not be accepted.

### 3. CONTEST PERIOD

- **Opens:** April 1, 2025
- **Closes:** April 30, 2025 (11:59 PM EST)
- Winners will be announced by **May 15, 2025** on Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization's social media accounts.

### 4. HOW TO ENTER

- **Students in grades 1 to 4** may submit a drawing and short text to finish the sentence “*If Mother Nature could speak, she would tell us....*”
- **Students in grades 5 to 8** may submit a written response (maximum 250 words) or an artistic representation (e.g., drawing, painting, or collage with a short caption) to answer the question “*If Mother Nature could speak, what would she say?*”
- Entries must be submitted digitally by a parent, guardian, or teacher via email to **info@ohto.ca** with the subject line: “**Mother Nature Contest Submission – [Student’s Name] – [Grade]**”.
- Submissions should include the student’s full name, grade, school name, and the teacher name.

## 5. WINNER SELECTION & PRIZES

- One winner per grade (Grades 1-8) will be selected based on creativity, originality, and connection to the theme.
- Each winner will receive a **\$50 gift card to a business of the student’s choice, located within Ontario’s Highlands.**
- Winning entries will be published on Ontario’s Highlands Tourism Organization’s official social media accounts.

## 6. TERMS & CONDITIONS

- By entering, participants grant Ontario’s Highlands Tourism Organization the right to share their work on social media and promotional materials.
- Entries must be original and created by the student. Any work found to be plagiarized or AI-generated will be disqualified.
- The contest is free to enter; no purchase is required.
- Ontario’s Highlands Tourism Organization reserves the right to modify contest rules or disqualify entries that do not adhere to the guidelines.

For questions, contact **info@ohto.ca**