

Gadsden 2014 Writing Challenge

**“Gadsden County School Board and Havana
Herald Team Up”**

3rd Through 10th Grade Students Can Be Winners!

Topic: What is it about your town that makes it special?

Highlight the features of your town that are a source of pride to residents and can be used to attract new visitors:

What are the judges looking for in a submission?

Entries will be judged based upon creativity, word usage, and the ability to instantly draw a reader into a story with a clearly defined beginning, middle and end. Since the contest is limited to a title and 300 words, each word must be carefully chosen to have the most impact.

Prizes

Winning stories will be published in *Havana Herald Newspaper* and contest winners will receive a 1 year subscription to the newspaper featuring the winner’s work. Plus, the winner will have the opportunity to choose from an exciting selection of gifts and prizes.

Guidelines

Havana Herald will only consider original essays written by third through tenth grade students. Entries of all genres are accepted. Essays should be between 100 and 300 words.

Parents must sign the essay stating that it was completed by the student.

Submitted entries must be hand written and submitted through the student’s school. For more information please contact the Gadsden County School Board Education Transformation Office at office at 627-9651 ext. 1401, or jamesb@gcpsmail.com, byron@havanaherald.net , and nick@havanaherald.net . All entries submitted will be automatically considered for the contest.

Deadlines

The deadline is January 31, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. Winners will be announced in February.