

# THE JUNIOR CALL PRIZE WINNERS

The Junior Call wants the best story you can write from United States history in your own language. The story must be plainly written on one side of the paper only, and must contain not more than 300 words nor less than 200.

Only one story is to be chosen each contributor in this contest, but it is desired that each story shall be carefully written, and special attention given to neatness, penmanship, punctuation and grammar.

Choose your own subject, provided it is a true incident of United States history; for instance, tell the story of Washington's winter at Valley Forge, or of Arnold's treason, or any other story that you prefer. These two are cited merely as illustrations.

There is not the slightest necessity for haste in the history contest, because many vacation stories now on hand will be published before publication of the history stories begin, and therefore, take plenty of time and write a good story, addressing it to The Junior Call, Call building, San Francisco.

On the first line write your subject; on the next line, beginning an inch from the left hand margin, your name, age and address, and, if you are in school, your school and grade. Another very important point is that each story must be marked with the number of words which it contains; write this number in the upper left hand corner of the first page.

As in the vacation contest, six watches will be awarded each week for the six best stories published. Do not send in any more vacation letters. Send in your history story whenever you have it completed to the best of your ability.

In submitting stories in the history contest juniors are requested to conform strictly to requirements in regard to form, etc. Write about any incident in United States history that you choose, but it must be in your own language and must contain not more than 300 words nor less than 200, and must be written on one side of the paper only, with ink or soft black pencil.

On the first line write your subject; on the second line, beginning an inch from the left hand margin, your name, age and address, and, if you are in school, your school and grade. Write the number of words contained in the story in the upper left hand corner of the first page. A great many contributors in the vacation contest have neglected this last requirement, and the editor has not the time to count the words in such stories.

It is understood that in awarding prizes neatness, spelling, punctuation and grammar are all taken into consideration. This contest is open to San Francisco and California juniors between the ages of 10 and 16 years, and for the six best stories published each week of the Junior Call, as prizes in handsome school watches.

For the younger juniors, under 10 years of age, another contest is open, particulars of which are given on the fourth page today. The watches awarded in this week's contest will be handed in a few days. If you are a winner and have not received yours by next Saturday, let The Junior Call know at once.

**AWARDED A WATCH**

**CATALINA**

**ROY BROWN**  
Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, Avalon School, Sixth Grade, Age 13 Years

I was very fortunate in my school year over this year, for I was going to Catalina for the holidays. I think it is the very best place to spend them. There are so many things to see and so much to do.

Coming across from San Pedro to Avalon we saw a number of flying fish, and got a number of them. I started out to fish as soon as we got settled and had lunch. I did not catch much that day, but the next day I caught some fine rock bass.

I think the trip in the glass bottom boat to Moonstone beach was the best of all. It took an hour each way, and we can look down through the clear water, anywhere from 20 to 120 feet, and see the golden perch, salt water rock bass, the shellfish, the sea urchin and here and there a large yellow tail, and lying flat on the sand and rocks on the bottom of the sea cucumber.

They are said to be the lowest form of animal life in the ocean. They take their food by absorbing it through their forests of keel, from which iodine is made, and the low growing sea leather, which is purple blossoms, which is really not a flower at all, but a phosphorescent substance, which glimmers here and there on the plant. The scenery all around the water was beautiful. We picked up some moonstones and had them polished.

There are a great number of seals around Catalina, but there is only one fellow in particular called "Big Ben"; he is quite a pet; he is nine feet long, has only one eye, the other a man knocked out some time ago, because he was stealing his fish. No one seems to know how old he is. There is one man on the island who has fed him occasionally for 25 years. He comes into the harbor every night; one night last winter he came in quite late, and, as there was no one there to feed him, he barked till one of the fishermen got up and fed him.

When I first came to the island I could not swim at all, but the water is so smooth and there are no breakers that it is easy to learn; now I can swim and dive and row as well as any one. We are going to stay here all winter.

**AWARDED A WATCH**

**AN AUTOMOBILE TOUR**

**MARJORIE NICKERSON**  
2721 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Age 13 Years

On a beautiful morning in June a party of six of us started from Berkeley in our automobile to make a tour of the south.

spending. After two delightful days spent here we proceeded to Santa Barbara. Here we enjoyed the bathing and the Mission. The road between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles leads over the Casitas mountains; it is very narrow and rough, and the turns are abrupt, but the scenery is wildly beautiful.

In Los Angeles we went to all the places of most interest. The most interesting was the alligator farm. Here we saw more than 500 live alligators of all sizes from the monstrous ones, 130 years of age, to those a few weeks old. Some were trained to shoot the chutes and all would come at their keeper's call.

We visited Riverside and Redlands, but it was growing hot, so we went no further south. Returning to Los Angeles we spent another week, this time, then began our journey home.

Arriving at Santa Barbara the hotel, where we got a room. Next morning we took the stage to Redwood City, where we took the train to San Francisco. So ends the eventful tale of my trip.

**AWARDED A WATCH**

**WORK BEFORE PLEASURE**

**BERNARD FONTANA**  
Batavia, Solano County, Pitts District School, Seventh Grade, Age 15 Years

Pitts school closed the last week in May. Just upon the closing of the school season. This is a busy time for the boys and girls in our locality, because they are all busy with their school work, and they have to help harvest the fruit, wonder how many of our "city cousins" realize how hard the country boys and girls have to work during their school vacation.

We start at 6 o'clock and work hard all day, only stopping to eat lunch. The fruit is very plentiful, but inferior in size, and cutters could hardly make wages. Many got disgusted and quit after two or three days work, saying they could not stand their work.

I helped in my father's orchard; we were over three weeks picking, cutting and drying the fruit. I was glad when we were through; I felt as if I never wanted to see an apricot again.

About this time a boy friend from San Francisco came to spend vacation with me. Father gave us a pile of wood, and we had a camp fire. We were deprived of any pleasure during my holidays if we boys finished the work. We had to go to school the next day, and we had to go to school the next day, and we had to go to school the next day.

**AWARDED A WATCH**

**AN INDIAN FUNERAL**

**MARIE CIENQ-MARS**  
212 Emerson Street, Palo Alto, Aged 15 Years

Some time ago I went with my father to the Indian reservation in the Mojave country, Ariz., about 18 miles to the Colorado river from the Southern Pacific railroad.

One morning the morning we reached a little station called West End. After looking around for a while we were told that a camp fire in the river bottom. We walked over to the camp and found our tent pitched on a sandy bank, with four mules and an army ambulance to take us to the post. He was making coffee.

After coffee had fed the mules and hitched up we started through a sandy trail on the river bottom for Fort Mojave. It was a long, hot ride, and nothing to see but sand, mesquit bushes and some Indian shacks.

Reaching the Indian camp we were met by some of the chiefs. We were in luck, as one of the chiefs had died the day before, and they were going to hold his funeral.

**AWARDED A WATCH**

**THE WALK TO SANTA CRUZ**

**ALFRED MATSON**  
502 Clayton Street, San Francisco, Crocker School, Eighth Grade, Age 14 Years

It was early Saturday morning, June 23, that my brother and I started on the long walk to Santa Cruz. We took the car to San Mateo, from where we started on our real walking trip. We reached Redwood by noon. Here we had our lunch and after resting we started toward the mountains.

We walked about two hours, when he suddenly came to a halt. The reason was, we were lost, for there were hills on all sides of us. But as I had noticed a cowpath running north and south I suggested following it, which suggestion was readily accepted by my brother. After following this path for about an hour we came to a creek, which we both thought a favorable camping ground. Here we made our coffee and ate our supper. I rolled up my blanket, but my brother wrote in his diary. I soon went to sleep and awoke at dawn.

I awoke my brother and then made coffee, while my brother explored the surrounding country. He came back and told that there was a road to the south of us. After breakfast we struck out along the road and it was hard walking for it was all up hill. We ate our lunch at a place called Uncler. After resting a while we started again, but it was easier now, as it was down hill. And now we came into the Redwood district, where our enormous red trees rear their black, green heads to the sky. We were walking on a dirt road, and we came to the little town of La Honda, where we decided to camp for the night.

## SIX WATCHES ARE AWARDED TODAY--SIX MORE NEXT WEEK

San Gregorio. Here we ate our lunch, but we were on our way for Pescadero, was a good way off. After a dry and hot walk we reached Pescadero at nightfall. By good luck we found a favorable camping ground on a bank of a creek. We ate a dry supper, for I, for one, was very tired. Next morning I found, to my dismay, that my brother's face was so swollen from poison oak that he was blind. So I led him to the doctor, who asked us how he got it, but we knew, but he must have slept in it, for it was all over his body. He gave us a prescription that he said would cure him by that night. But by night he was as bad as ever, so I packed up and we went to the hotel, where we got a room. Next morning we took the stage to Redwood City, where we took the train to San Francisco. So ends the eventful tale of my trip.

When school closed one of my friends came to spend part of his vacation with me. His mother came with him. He stayed at my place for three weeks. He did not have much fun at my house. When he was going home my mother let me go with him.

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I was sorry when she returned home, for I had enjoyed the time as much as she. I had gone away for my vacation.

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far, but it was lots of fun. Three of my friends were with me.

As soon as we had put up the tent Roy said: "Come on, fellows, let's explore the country around here. So we got there. We all were glad to jump in for a little swim after the hot walk we had finding it. After we had been bathing for about 10 minutes we were seized with a cramp and the rest of us had to carry him to land. He soon got over it.

We went home and made our supper on a little camp stove and went to bed at 9 o'clock. We got up at 6:30, had our breakfast and went to an apple orchard and got some apples. We were playing in the woods when a man on horseback came up and asked us if we would like to have a ride on some mules. We said yes, of course.

"Well, then, come along with me," he said. We followed for about a quarter of a mile, when he stopped in front of a house and told us he would go and get the mules. When he brought them we got to riding. The man came along with us.

My mule began to kick the first thing I saw. It was hard to hang on, I could hardly keep my seat. The man who had stopped kicking, whereupon Robert's mule started to kick. Roy and Ned's mules would kick up once in a while. The man was laughing the whole time.

We soon had to come home and go back to school, but we all said that it was the largest fun while it lasted.

**A DAY IN THE BIG BASIN**

**LUCRETIA SMITH**  
Box 913, Palo Alto, Grammar School, Eighth Grade, Aged 15 Years

This beautiful morning we had planned to take a trip to the Big Basin. It is about 14 miles from Brookdale, where we were spending our vacation.

We started out at about 8 o'clock in a three seated rig, with four horses. There were eight in the party and we had a very jolly crowd.

The roads were very good, but in places they were pretty narrow. Looking down you could see the tops of the trees below, which looked very pretty with the sun shining on their branches.

We arrived in the basin just about noon, so we ate our lunch before starting out to see the trees. The meal was served in a little log cabin which looked very picturesque among the redwoods.

One of our driver took us around to see the most important trees. "Chieftain" was the first one we visited. It is a grand old tree and so tall that you can't see the top. It is better than any of the others. "Mother" and "Father" of the forest were the next two trees. The "father" being the larger tree in the basin, and the "mother" tree of all is the "Chimney," which was burned out one time, but still stood. It is a very tall tree and is at the very top, where you expect to see the sky, you see the green foliage.

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