



**Art, Writing & Reading Contests
2021 Summer Youth Tennis Program**



The Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Houston Tennis Association NJTL are joining together to offer the following contests open to participants in the summer youth tennis programs.

Art Contest: Category 1: Tennis Ball Self-Portrait Category 2: Tennis Poster
Age Divisions: 4-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-13 years, 14-18 years
Awards: Top 3 in each category in each age division

- Rules:
1. One art entry per student, either in Category 1 or Category 2.
 2. Entry must have name of child, age, park site, and phone number attached to art (use form below).
 3. The tennis ball self-portrait centers around decorating one tennis ball in whatever manner so as to resemble the student or a person they admire. Yarn, paint, glitter, paper, pens, etc. are all good sources of material. Children can request a tennis ball from the instructor at their park site if they need one.
 4. The poster should be related to tennis or NJTL. Children under the age of 7 may use an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper if preferred.
 5. Entries should be photographed along with the *completed entry form* and emailed to the Youth Tennis Office at emily.schaefer@houstontx.gov with Art Contest in the subject line. Entries are due by July 16.
 6. Award winners will be notified by July 29 and entries recognized on the NJTL of Houston Facebook page.

Writing Contest: Category 1: Poem Category 2: Report on pro tennis player and their country or city
Age Divisions: 7-10 years, 11-13 years, and 14-18 years
Awards: Top 3 in each category in each age division

- Rules:
1. One writing entry per student per category.
 2. Entry must have name, age, park site and phone number (use form below).
 3. The poem should be at least 25 words and no more than 200, about tennis or related to NJTL.
 4. The report should be at least one page and no more than three pages. We encourage students to choose a pro player currently on the tour. Information should be available in print and online. Find out what country the player is from, give a brief introduction about the player and then give some facts about their home country or their home city if selecting a player from the United States.
 5. Entries are due by July 16 and should be submitted along with the *completed entry form* via email to emily.schaefer@houstontx.gov with Writing Contest in the subject line.
 6. Award winners will be notified by July 29 and entries recognized on the NJTL of Houston Facebook page.

Additional Opportunities—USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Grant, NJTL Reading Rally & ACE Curriculum Classes:
Students are encouraged to participate in additional educational activities including the following: the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Grant Contest, NJTL Reading Rally, and ACE Curriculum classes (offered virtually). For more information, please go to www.houstonyouthtennis.org.

Thank you for participating in our program this summer! Detach and submit entry form with completed project(s).

Name: _____ Age: _____

Park/Community Center: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Coach: _____

<u>Contest:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Age Division:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art-Tennis Ball	<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 4-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Art-Poster	<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 7-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing-Poetry	<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 11-13
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing-Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 14-18

(Completed form must be attached to each entry. Additional forms at www.houstonyouthtennis.org.)

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