



**Art, Writing & Reading Contests
2022 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 submitted with the *completed entry form*. Students may give to their tennis instructor on July 14 or turn in to the Youth Tennis Office at Memorial Park Tennis Center by 5 p.m. on July 15.
 6. Entries will be displayed at the NJTL Kids' Day on July 21 along with award recognition.

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 of child, 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. 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 to the tennis instructor by July 14 or to the Youth Tennis Office at Memorial Park Tennis Center or emailed to hta.njtl.ace@gmail.com by July 15 at 5 p.m. with Writing Contest in the subject line.
 6. Entries will be displayed at the NJTL Kids' Day on July 21 along with award recognition.

Additional Opportunities—USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Grant, NJTL Reading Rally & ACE Outreach Classes:
Students are encouraged to participate in additional educational activities including the following: the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Grant Contest (due June 20), NJTL Reading Rally, and ACE Curriculum outreach classes to be held a couple of times at most tennis sites. Please go to www.houstonyouthtennis.org for handouts

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: _____

Contest:
 Art-Tennis Ball Art-Poster Writing-Poetry Writing-Research
Age Division:
 Ages 4-6 Ages 7-10 Ages 11-13 Ages 14-18

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

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