



VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK TRUST 2014 HOLIDAY FAIR SCHOOL CHALLENGE



CHALLENGE QUESTION:

If you had money to donate, which Charitable Organization would you give it to and why?

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust is inviting High School, Middle & Elementary School students from various diverse South Florida neighborhoods to the 3rd Annual Virginia Key Beach Park Trust Holiday Fair - December 5-7, 2014 at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, 4020 Virginia Beach Drive, in Miami, Florida (Virginia Key). The Historic Beach Park was an active battle site during the Florida Seminole Wars; played an important and unique role in the early stages of the American Civil Rights movement and is now a developing local and national tourist destination.

CATEGORIES

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - WINNERS WILL HAVE \$1500 DONATED TO THE SELECTED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS - WINNERS WILL HAVE \$500 DONATED TO THE SELECTED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS - WINNERS WILL HAVE \$500 DONATED TO THE SELECTED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

Step 1: Making Observations

Look around you; think about problems you see on TV or in the newspaper. **Action:** Choose the problem or mission that you would like to help with.

Things to think about:

- What kinds of problems are in the news?
- What kinds of problems do you see in your community every day?
- What kinds of problems do you hear your parents/friends have concern about?

Step 2: Select your Charitable Organization

Now that you have made observations, identify the main problem that could be the cause for the observation.

For example: Single parents who have to work one or two jobs sometimes have to leave their young children at home alone for several hours **Action:** Think about a Charitable Organizations that are doing something to help solve that problem and decide on which Charitable Organization the group wants to focus on for the essay.

Things to think about:

- Why does the problem exist?
- What are some of the circumstances that could have led to the problem?
- Who is involved in causing the problem? Is this a problem that affects your community? Other communities?
- How is your chosen Charitable Organization doing their part to help solve the problem?

Step 3: Form two groups to enter the challenge

The challenge will require two groups (15 people maximum) or two individuals to enter

One group or individual will concentrate on the written portion (*the essay on the chosen charity and the reason why they were chosen*) and the other group or individual will focus on the artistic portion (*the creative artwork that correlates to the charity and the essay*)

- One Entry per individual or group
- Written entry must be no more than 400 words or less
- Creative Art pieces must be on canvas (Dimensions: not specific)
- Entries are due in by Oct 31, 2014
- Each group cannot exceed 15 people
- There will be 3 Finalists (individuals or groups) from each category chosen two weeks prior to the Fair date
- All Finalists are invited to attend the Holiday Fair on Saturday Dec 6, 2014 and the Winners will be announced at the Fair. Unlimited Ride Wristbands will be given to the Winners and the Finalists that day as well.



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Step 4: Work together to create a masterpiece

The written and the creative art piece must showcase the same message and should clearly show the problem and the solution that the Charitable Organization is working on.

Step 5: Send in your Entry

Send or bring in person all Entries to:

Virginia Key Beach Park Trust
Attn: Holiday Fair Community Challenge - 2014
Michelle Swaby-Smith - Special Events Liaison
4020 Virginia Beach Drive
Miami, FL 33149
305-960-4600
Hours: Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm

Step 6:

Questions, Further Information or Comments can be sent to:

Michelle Swaby-Smith - mswaby@miamigov.com Contact number: 305-960-4600 or 305-960-4618

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CHALLENGE COMMITMENT FORM

CheckList

All completed Challenge Commitment Forms must be submitted no later than **September 30, 2014**

Name of School/Organization: _____

Name of Contact: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Day: () _____ Evening: () _____

Mobile: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail: _____

Participants:

How many participants in the group: (*maximum 15 participants*) Literature: _____ Art: _____

Grade Level: High School _____ Middle School _____ Elementary School _____

Name of Selected Charity: _____

Contact Information for Charitable Organization:

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The above information is subject to change. Please notify us of any changes. For additional information, please contact **Michelle** at 954.558.9664 or **Liz** at 305.335.8310

Authorized Signature _____ **Date:** _____