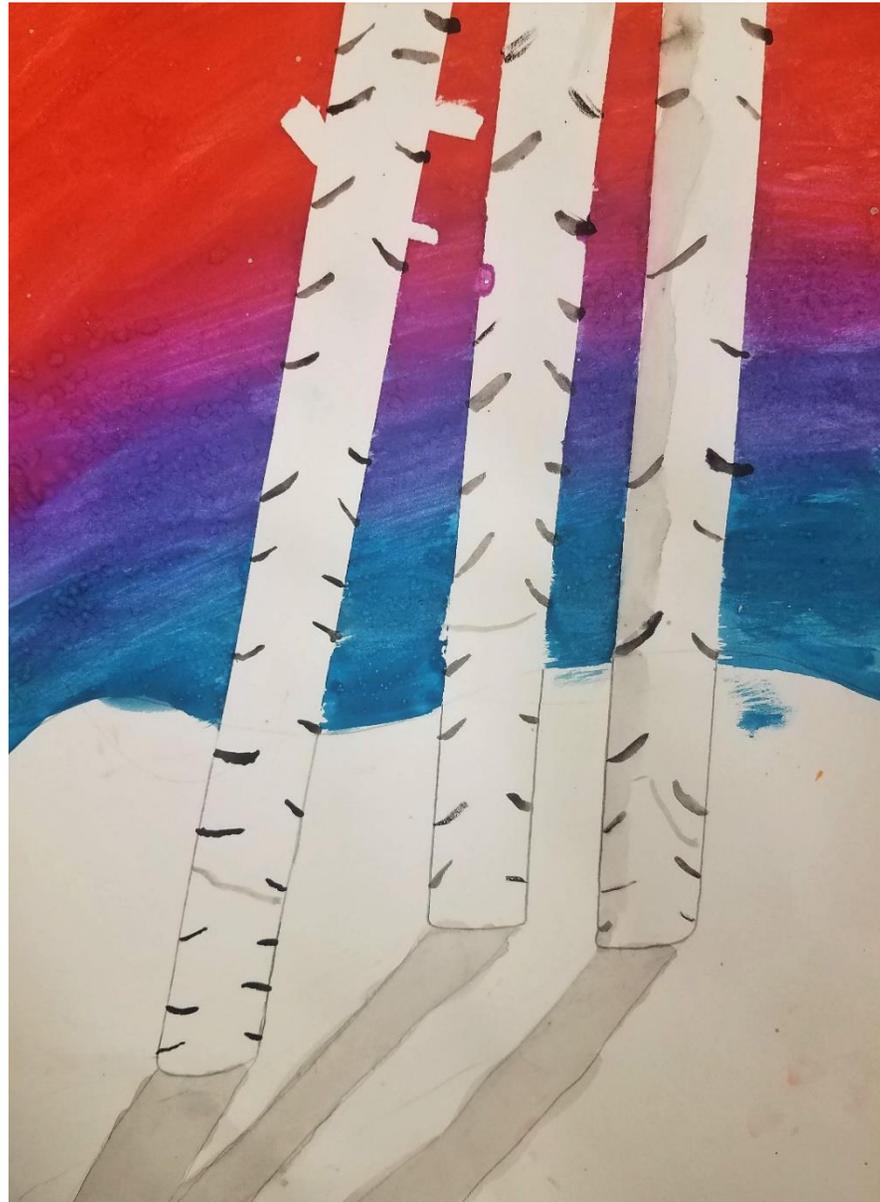


Grand Prize Art Winner

Beautiful Birches in Wisconsin Winter  
By: Dayanna Armenta (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)



# WITESOL Writing and Art Contest

## 2019 Winners

### Theme: Beautiful Wisconsin

#### **Grand Prize for Art:**

Dayanna Armenta – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

#### **K-2 Art:**

1st place: Jocelyn Velazquez - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

#### **K-2 Writing:**

1st place: Marifer Reyes Villegas - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

2nd place: Tonkhoa Daosuk - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

3rd place: Jesus Fuentes - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

#### **3-5 Art:**

1st place: Stacey Velazquez - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

#### **3-5 Writing:**

1st place: Francisco de Jesus Calderon Pena - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

2nd place: Louise Valentina Monte - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

3rd place: Walid Guerra - (WITESOL Member: Kari Johnson)

#### **9-12 Art:**

1st Place: Augusto DeFreitas - (WITESOL Member: Michael Bauman)

#### **Adult Art:**

1st Place: Xinyi Zhang - (WITESOL Member: Anjie Kokan)

#### **Adult Writing:**

1st Place: Donfak B Dongo - (WITESOL Member: Rossitza Ivanova)

2nd Place: Naoki Akita - (WITESOL Member: Anjie Kokan)

3rd Place: Shangqian Ye - (WITESOL Member: Rossitza Ivanova)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Art - Grades K-2 - Jocelyn Velazquez

Sunny Summers in Wisconsin  
By: Jocelyn Velazquez



## Fantastic Farms

By: Marifer Reyes Villegas

I love Wisconsin because of the beautiful farms! On the farm there are huge cows and tractors. The cows say moo. On the farm there are sheep saying baa. You can see blue flowers in the field and grow vegetables. My dad helps on the farm and works with cows too. There are lots of cows at my dad's work. The cows make milk for ice cream. Yum ice cream! The farm has plants and animals. Wisconsin is beautiful because of the farms.



## Outstanding Oak Trees

By: Tonkhoa Daosuk

Wisconsin is beautiful because of the oak trees in our state. Oak trees make me feel happy and my heart beat fast. Oak trees are lovely because they are strong and big. They grow very tall and are thick and beautiful. Jones Park has beautiful old oak trees. Oak trees have branches. Oak trees have leaves. On Halloween the oak tree leaves change colors and turn orange. The oak tree is the home for squirrels. The oak tree is also the place for humans to go for a picnic. You can lay by the trees and they give you shade and cool. Oak trees give special shade. The oak trees are very beautiful and special in our state.



## Wisconsin Animals

By: Jesus Fuentes

I love Wisconsin because of the animals. The black bear eats fish and honey. The fox lives in the tall grass. The bat eats insects and flies at night. The wolf lives in the snow and eats rabbits. The skunk sprays a stinky smell. The animals are beautiful and make Wisconsin special.



Observing Wisconsin Nature  
By: Stacey Velazquez



## Lovely Lake Michigan

By: Francisco de Jesus Calderon Pena

Do you like a nice and beautiful lake?  
Then a trip to Lake Michigan you should take!

The lake is big and blue,  
With a fish or two.

It was a hot and sunny day,  
“Let’s go on a boat trip” I say.

We went out on a big brown boat,  
It needed giant sails to float.

The water was choppy and wavy.  
It was the color of navy.

I put my hand in the water and it felt nice,  
So I went and did it twice.

Lake Michigan’s shore has beautiful sand,  
It’s what makes Wisconsin grand!



Weeping Willows in Wisconsin  
By: Louise Valentina Monte

Weeping willows are what make Wisconsin beautiful!

Have a picnic under the falling down leaves,  
But you can't forget about the bees.

Weeping willows look like hair,  
So cozy, it's like hugging a teddy bear.

Anytime there are beautiful nights,  
Climb up to the top, if you are not scared of heights.

Nature makes you want to sleep,  
But then you take a gigantic leap,  
Over the fence you jump like a sheep.

The water next to it is really wavy  
I wore my shirt from Old Navy.

Happy and calm I am under the tree,  
It is my favorite place to be.

Weeping willows feel like the whole world is in the palm of your hand,  
The whole world in this beautiful Wisconsin land.



## Adventure of a Lifetime

By: Walid Guerra

Do you like thrills? Then come to Zeus's lair at Mt. Olympus in Wisconsin Dells. You will find the god of the ocean and the god of archery and more. It has a wave pool. Make sure not to anger Poseidon! Deeper in Mt. Olympus you'll see Hades and his ride to the underworld. Right next to Hades is Zeus and his ride to Olympus. When you enter you'll see Apollo and his ride. There are lockers that you can put your belongings in. There are stores and restaurants. You'll feel really adventurous, but you'll feel a little scared too. Mt. Olympus makes Wisconsin beautiful!



1<sup>st</sup> Place Art - Grades 9-12

The Cardinal  
By: Augusto DeFreitas



1<sup>st</sup> Place Art – Adult Education

After the Storm  
By: Xinyi Zhang



## Snowy Wisconsin By: Donfak B Dongo

On a cold winter day in Wisconsin, the snow begins to fall. The huge sugar maple trees are now leafless, but still beautiful. Covered in white snowflakes, they portray a new sight of beauty. The sparkly white snow makes everything look the same: the open farm lands, roads, houses and trees.

The scenery is mesmerizing on a quiet winter morning. The submerged untainted environment gives me a sense of safety. I admire the purity, tranquility and positivity the snowflakes bring to nature. How happy I feel for the animals that are securely nestled and in hibernation. I can picture them all curled up and cozy; It must be gratifying for these creatures to feel warmth, comfort and peace.

My winter experience in Wisconsin has been filled with mixed feelings because of its huge temperature drops. Stepping out of my house, my boots sink into the piled-up snow, so high that it almost reaches my knees. The chilly breeze rushes past my face; My fingers get so numb that it seems all blood circulation in them has stopped. All these sensations make me think of the winter as frosty and bitter. Nonetheless, I feel a sense of pride in being able to survive and continue my routines in such harsh conditions. I even find myself looking forward to the extremely cold days.

In my home country, Cameroon, West Central Africa, I have experienced the burning heat of the sun, the persistent showers of rain, but not the crispness of the freezing winter air we have in Wisconsin. The transition was huge for me, but it has made me appreciate the beauty of nature even more. Perhaps, the most wonderful souvenir I could take home to my family and friends would be a pouch of the fine powdery snow. However, certain things can only be cherished by living in the moment and creating fun memories.

## Green

By: Naoki Akita

Summer is the season I like the best in Wisconsin. I can travel by bicycle and have barbeques with my friends. Also, summer is covered with a lot of green trees and grass, and I like the smell and scent of grass. Grass is better for the environment than asphalt. When I go out, I often ride my bicycle to see the beautiful view. Because the roads here are straighter than Japan, it is easy to ride on bicycle. My hometown is Hiroshima in Japan, and it is in the countryside. I always thought it was covered with a lot of green and so natural. On the other hand, Wisconsin has more trees and grass than my hometown. The amount of lawns is especially high compared to Japan. When I was in Japan, I hardly saw lawns because it is expensive to create them.

I saw corn and dairy farms for the first time in Wisconsin. The land covered a large site, and I was not able to see the distance clearly. It was like seeing the ocean. The view was amazing. In the summer, corn is very high. After rainy days, I went outside by bicycle. A sprinkler was working to give water to corn, and a rainbow appeared in the sprinkler. I also often saw dairy farms. A lot of cows were in the pastures. In my country, almost all of the dairy farmers put small fences around the cows. I think it is not comfortable. Cows living in Wisconsin are at ease.

To be honest, before I came here, I thought maybe there would be a lot trees and garbage on the ground. However, Wisconsin has no garbage and it is organized. Everyone realizes that they really value a clean town and nature. Hiroshima is clean, too. But it has a different smell and atmosphere. I also really like Wisconsin's scents and views. I would like to see move beautiful corn and dairy farms during summer.

## Beautiful Wisconsin – People's Lives

By: Shangqian Ye

Many people talk about the mountains, water, and other natural environments to describe the beautiful Wisconsin. However I prefer to talk about the environment of people's lives. I have been in Wisconsin less than 2 years, so I only know a little something in Wisconsin: The city market, an activity that happens every October in Whitewater. The city market always happens around the museum. Most sellers are from Wisconsin and they sell food, clothes, and drinks. Those products, I think, are special. For example, I bought a bottle of juice in 2017 and some peaches last year and the taste of the juice and those peaches were different from peaches I ate before. One thing I felt from these products was fresh and wild.

I was enjoying the environment of the city market because there were not too many people there and I could try everything there that what I liked. I come from China and there are some farmer's markets there. Yet in China there are many people and it is too crowded. The blood of fowls and the dross of vegetables are everywhere. Even though these are the traditional cultures in China, I still think these kinds of places are dirty and the smell is bad. Compare to the market in China, the city market in Whitewater is pure. When I saw the city market for the first time, it looked like a picture that comes from nature. The market is near the museum, and the feeling it gave me is I seems to see people's lives before the middle of 20 century.

I believe that people are not the main scenery that tourists like or take photos with. However, I think people are exactly easy to express to see the true side of the world.