



**Art, Writing & Reading Contests
2017 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
Ages 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. Once submitted, artwork becomes the property of the Department and may be displayed publicly.
 4. 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 get a tennis ball from the instructor at their park site. *Please place decorated ball in a ziploc bag or box with information form enclosed.*
 5. 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.
 6. Entries are due to instructor Thursday, July 13, 2017 as all projects must be in Tennis Office by July 14.
 7. Award winners will be publicized at the NJTL Kids' Day Festival on July 27.

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. Once submitted, writing becomes property of the Department and may be displayed publicly.
 4. The poem should be at least 25 words and no more than 200, about tennis or related to NJTL.
 5. 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.
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Additional Opportunities—USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Contest, NJTL Reading Rally & ACE Curriculum Classes:
Students are encouraged to enter the USTA Foundation NJTL Essay Contest at www.ustafoundation.com/njtlec. The NJTL chapter name is "Houston Tennis Association, Inc.-NJTL" and the ID# is R3626. Print your essay and turn in to the office for a special prize. NJTL Reading Rally forms and information about ACE Curriculum classes (fee-based) are available at www.houstonyouthtennis.org or talk to your tennis instructor.

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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