

## Hodag Heritage Writing Contest 2026 2026 Theme- "Hodags in the Wild"



**Written Work Specifications:** For this contest writers may be ANY age and you may write a short story or poem. Work must be 100% original AND NEW AS OF THIS YEAR. Final work must less than 1000 words. Work MUST have the below slip handed in along with work. \*Please note photos of your piece may be in the Rhinelander Chamber's social media and other media.

**Work Submission:** Finished work should be turned in to the Rhinelander Chamber at 450 W. Kemp St., Rhinelander 8am-4pm Mon-Friday PRIOR TO FRIDAY MAY 8th. Please know that your work will be transported from the chamber to the Pioneer Park Historical Complex(PPHC) inside of Pioneer Park during the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer to bring it to the PPHC yourself closer to the festival reach out to Rachel@rhinelanderchamber.com.

**Submission on Display:** Work will be on display during the Hodag Heritage Festival at the PPHC inside of Pioneer Park, Rhinelander Saturday 5/16/25 between 9am and 4pm.

**Judging and Winner Notification:** The winners of this show will be chosen from a panel of secret judges. The winners will be announced on the main stage at 4:00pm. Need not be present to win (but it's way more fun). If not present, the winners will be notified the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Submission Pickup:** Pickup work between 4pm and 5pm May 16<sup>th</sup> at the PPHC during the festival if at all possible. If not, your work will be transported back to the chamber the following week and may be picked up May 18th-May 22nd 8am to 4pm. If work is not picked up and we do not hear from the author, work unfortunately will be disposed of. The chamber doesn't have room to accommodate.

### **Prizes:**

One adult author will win a metal and \$50 in cash.

One child (0-12 yrs) author will win a metal and hodag gift basket.

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PLEASE ATTACH TO THE BACK/BOTTOM OF YOUR WORK  
Please fill out entirely and write clearly.

Name of Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent (if writing is child's) \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult or Child (0-12yrs) Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age if child (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email (or parent's email): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (or parent's phone): \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE ATTACH TO THE FRONT OF YOUR WORK  
Please fill out entirely and write clearly.

Name of Piece: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Entry/Medium: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of Author \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult or Child (0-12yrs) Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age if Child (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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