



# Topeka Zoo Writing Contest



**Use your voice to speak up for endangered species through the zoo's writing contest!**

**How it works:** Raise awareness of conservation issues by writing a fictional story about real-life problems happening to plants and animals around the world. You could write about habitat loss, poaching, pollution, the illegal pet trade, and more. These do not have to be sad stories; they simply need to raise awareness of real-life issues happening to endangered species. Visit <http://topekazoo.org/explore/clubs/> to see story examples!

**All authors gain free entry into the zoo for our Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 20th, 2019.** Every submitted story will be hung throughout the zoo from 9:00-3:00 this day and winners will be announced at 2:00.



**Age categories:** Kindergarten-2nd grade; 3rd-5th grade; 6th-8th grade; 9th-12th grade; Adult —> one winner per age category

**Submission deadline:** April 14th, 2019

**Prizes:** Each winner will choose either a behind-the-scenes animal tour or a painting done by a zoo animal.

**How to submit:** Drop story by the zoo or email story to [RRost@Topeka.org](mailto:RRost@Topeka.org).



**For more information: [www.topekazoo.org](http://www.topekazoo.org)**