



Earth Day 2014 Climate Change Essay Contest (ages 12-17)

What does climate change mean to you?

Guidelines

In 300 words or less, tell the world what climate change means to you. Please feel free to craft your response in whatever way suits you. Here, as an example, are some questions you might ponder:

- Does climate change inspire hope in you as a challenge that mankind will overcome? Can you think of similar past challenges society has solved?
- Why are you hopeful? What are people already doing to solve climate change? Do you know of someone you would consider a climate hero?
- Do you see a part for yourself in solving climate change? If so, what?
- How do you think climate change will impact things you love about Montana?
- Do you think you'll grow up into a world different from your parents and grandparents? If so, in what way?

How to enter (note: *this contest description can be found online at www.scottbischke.com*)

- Deadline for submission is midnight April 18, 2014.
- Email the following items to Scott Bischke (scott@scottbischke.com):
 - ___ Your name
 - ___ Your age on April 26th, 2014 (you must be 12-17 years old on that day)
 - ___ Your school and hometown
 - ___ A photo of your smiling face (if you don't have one, no worries, still submit your essay!)
 - ___ Your essay of 300 words or less titled — *What Climate Change Means to Me*

Judging (to be completed by April 25th)

The contest will be judged by Bozeman writer Scott Bischke, author of FISH TANK: A FABLE FOR OUR TIMES. FISH TANK is a climate change allegory for all ages that has been called, “The ANIMAL FARM for our times” and been endorsed by Steve Running of the University of Montana, a Nobel Laureate as a part of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Recognition and prizes

- Website publication of the top 10 essays at the websites of the Montana Environmental Information Center, Montana Climate Action, Conserve Montana, and of author Scott Bischke.
- We'll highlight the top three essays at events on April 26th!
- We will send your essay to your local newspaper in hopes of publication there.
- We will send the winning essays to Governor Bullock!
- We will send a free copy of FISH TANK to the first 40 who submit an essay, plus to the top entries around the state.

