



First Place 5th Grade
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2021 Georgia National Fair
Fair Bear Creative Writing Competition
“Fair Bear Launches Into Space”

I was running from ugly green creatures. I climbed into the ship and sailed through the intergalactic environment. I was safe at last. I was tired. Very tired. I walked to my chambers to rest. Once I was finished tucking myself in tightly, I turned off the bright light of the lamp. Creep... My eyes bulge at the sound. I hear soft footsteps as if something is moving so quietly, so furtive, I craned my neck. What I saw left me speechless.

Wow! I exclaimed as I gestured towards the television. I was watching the rocket on TV fly into space. Shortly after watching the program, I was ready to do something like that one day. My dreams of being a football star were blown away with strong winds never to be seen again. I was going to be the first bear in space!

The next morning I was awakened by my parents. They shoved a paper forwards me and started to speak in unison, "Fair Bear, we entered

you in for a contest!" I quickly replied, "What is the contest for?" My mother responded with, "You will take a test, whoever gets the highest score will get to be in space!" A burst of happiness spread across my face. I was overwhelmed but nervous and excited at the same time. I couldn't wait!

A few weeks later I was sitting in a small room. I was looking at a paper with multi choice answers all over.

It was the test to go to space. The butterflies in my stomach seemed to be having a party. I decided to wing it and just filled in random answers. This method will probably work. Then again, this method will probably not work. You could cut the tension in this room with a knife!

It was a day after the test and the winner would be announced on TV. It is complicated to tell you my emotions at this point. The man on TV was wearing a sharp black suit and had hair slicked back so tight it looked like his face was about to come off! "And the winner is,"

the man announced, "Fair Bear!"

I showed plenty of emotion on the outside but the inside had more. My brain was buzzing 58,000,000 miles a second. I was so overwhelmed with joy I forgot how to talk. Or breath. Or walk. I just won!

Today is my first day of training. I walked into a large building with marble floors and a ceiling so high I don't think any ladder in the world could reach the top. Workers with long white coats buzzed through the halls. I went into a large room. There was a giant machine with seats. It looked like a ride from the fair. A man told me to take a seat on the big spinney thing. I did as I was told and took a seat.

The man pressed a button and I slowly started moving. I soon started gaining speed spinning round and round and round. Before long I was holding on for dear life. Then the ride stopped. I apparently passed the test and was ready for space. A few days later I was sitting in a big red ship. The past few days have been a fiasco. Then, without warning a lady's voice came on. "I did not see anyone." 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1! I know... it's time now I will see...

be in space. Woooooosh!!!! I was flying through the air! Soon I could see Earth! I saw planets! I saw asteroids! Soon, I landed. I was standing on a large flat terrain. I spotted a small knoll near the area I was standing. On top of the knoll was an ugly green creature. I ran in the other direction into the ship through the intergalactic environment and into my chambers to rest. Only to find soft footsteps coming closer and closer and closer and....

"WAKE UP" my parents yell at me. "You're going to miss the tryouts to go into space!" My father bellows. "I don't think going to space is a good idea." My parents looked surprised. I have a new dream anyway. When I grow up, I am going to do extreme sports! I'm sure my parents will love the idea!



Second Place 5th Grade
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Fair Bear Launches Into Space

Ever since Fair Bear saw the Space X launch, he had wanted to go into space. When he heard about a contest that would send him to space, Fair Bear was the first to sign up. The challenge was to build a rocket that would fly 1,000 ft high. He signed up and began researching. After that, he found the parts he needed and put together the best rocket ever. The day of the contest, Fair Bear's rocket won! Fair Bear was so excited he couldn't sleep!

In order to prepare for the mission, Fair Bear had to train at Johnson Space Center for three years. While he was there, Fair Bear was taught how to operate a space suit, repair gear, put out a fire, and what to do if there was an oxygen leak onboard. Finally, the big day came.

It was now Dec. 1st, 2023, launch day. The mission was to fly to Mars, study it, and build a colony. As he ascended the launch tower, Fair Bear got nervous. "What if the rocket explodes when we break orbit?" he asked. "It won't explode," said an astronaut. "NASA will notice something is wrong before we do and then can figure out what to do next." They inside the rocket and waited. "Ten, Nine, Eight," thruster ignited, "Seven, Six, Five" robotic arms peeled away. "Four, Three, Two. The light grew brighter. "One, Zero. LIFTOFF!" The rocket shot into the sky!

An hour later the rocket docked at the ISS for fueling. Sitting in the lobby, Fair Bear kept looking out the window. The Earth was huge. His cave was a tiny dot compared to this!

After fueling, they left for Mars. They arrived in one minute, thanks to the wormhole device on the ship. They landed and got to work. No wonder Mars was called "The Red Planet". The ground, even the sky looked red! Fair Bear got thirsty and went back to the ship. Then he saw an astronaut destroying the controls and cried "What are you doing?" The astronaut turned and ran, transforming into a tall, green Martian! Fair Bear grabbed a blaster, shot him, showed the body to the astronauts, and left for home.

"I don't understand how it changed form," Fair Bear moaned. "Same here, but we will find out soon," said the astronaut. Splashdown was crazy with the flames and falling super fast. They spoke with the NASA director and went back to their homes. Even though a Martian tried to strand them, Fair Bear had loads of fun! He would never



Third Place 5th Grade
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Thomas County School District

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Fair Bear launches into space

When I saw that they were letting people sign up to travel, I was very excited! I signed up for it, jumping for joy! I went and entered thinking, "What if this isn't what I want? What if it's all a big mistake? Why would anyone let a big fat bear like me enter?." I walked back home with heavy thoughts. I sat down in my chair thinking more and more. There were so many thoughts on my shoulders. Moments later I made up my mind, I was going to sign up and no one was going to stop me! I ran back to enter and I did it without hesitation. After, I went home and worked out so I could be strong, and be prepared for it. I was going to be chosen. I walked around the block and I walked to the store and back. Many days later with no news I was very sad, I thought that I was not chosen. I sighed and laid on my bed. I went to check the mail later and saw bills. And more bills. But wait.. Is that.. It was the note saying I

saying that I had won! The note said, "Congrats you have won! you will be going on a trip to space! After a few days an unknown car will pull up, don't be alarmed! That will be the car we are going to pick

I jumped up and down looking like a bunny. I ran inside and squealed like a little girl. Then I called my mom and dad, then my brother and sister. I was so happy! After a few days an unknown car pulled up. I thought to myself, "whose car is that? Why is it here?" Then I remembered that note saying I had won! I ran up to the car ready to go. We finally got there and the man in the car opened the door for me. I ran out of the car happy as a clam. They took me inside and got me to work. Months passed and I was ready. They got me in a very stuffy outfit and got me settled in the rocket. We took off! I was scared but happy at the same time. Later on we made it to space. What a lovely place it was up there. I saw stars and planets and the moon! At the end of the trip, I was sad the trip was over but happy to see my family again! We made it safely and they took me back home. I wrote in a journal each day when

I was in space so that I could reread
it and think of how much fun it was.. That
was my story of how I went to space.