



First Place 5th Grade
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Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville
Thomas County School System

2024 Georgia National Fair
Fair Bear Creative Writing Competition
"Fair Bear Visits the Fire Department"

Firefighter Fair Bear

It was just a normal day for Fair Bear, until he checked his mail. In the mailbox there was a letter that said, "Congratulations, Fair Bear! You won a trip to the fire department." He's always loved the sound of the firetruck, the excitement of the firemen, and the chance to ride in the classic, red fire-truck. Now was his chance to live out his dream and enjoy a day in the life of a firefighter!

The next morning, he woke up super-duper early, got dressed quickly, and headed to the fire station. When Fair Bear arrived, there were three firefighters ready to greet him.

"You must be Fair Bear!" announced one of the firemen.

"Yes, sir! I'm, Fair Bear reporting for duty!" Fair Bear exclaimed.

Fair Bear and the three firefighters began to walk around,

he was amazed by all the equipment.

He saw axes, gas masks, long fire hoses, ladders, and of course an enormous sleek, red fire truck. The last thing

he noticed was a shiny firefighter

pole at the very center of the

station. Then all of a sudden, he heard

the sirens blare! It was now the fire-

fighters time to shine! The fire-

fighters began to run about and

collect their equipment. They pulled

on thick pants and their suits

with a flash. One of the firefighters

invited Fair Bear to come along

to help fight the fire. Fair Bear

was amazed, but also a little scared.

However, Fair Bear got on the mass-

ive fire truck. Luckily, Fair Bear

secured a spot in the very front of

the truck by the fire chief.

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As Fair Bear rode along, he saw thick smoke like an enormous monster arising from the city. The fire truck was getting closer to the smoke. It was zipping through traffic and going around cars as the siren wailed! Out of nowhere, the fire truck came to a complete stop. Fair Bear could now see the towering flames of the fire. All of the fire-men jumped out of the truck, grabbed their hoses and started spraying. Meanwhile, other fire fighters ran into the building to rescue anyone trapped. In Fair Bear's opinion he had the best job! He got to climb to the top of truck, and spray the big water cannon on the flames of the fire. After a little while, the fire began to calm down, and everyone was finally safe. They packed up their equipment and headed back to the station. Back at the station, Fair Bear said his good byes and headed back home. Fair Bear was exhausted from his day as a fire-fighter. It was one of the most

exciting days of his bear life.

He witnessed fire fighters acting like real heroes! Fair Bear thought, "Maybe I could grow up to be a real fire-fighter one day?"



Second Place 5th Grade
Riley Jones
Byron Elementary School, Byron
Peach County School System

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Fair Bear was jumping with excitement after he received a special message from his favorite, the fire department! He swiftly dived in the clear river to get cleaned off a bit and get a quick snack. After getting ready, Fair Bear dashed to the end of the forest and made his way to the fire department. Two of the firemen greeted him as he trotted inside. Fair Bear was invited to be the fire department's fire dog, or bear, because they're original dog, Mat, had gotten ill.

Fair Bear explored the huge building, it was much bigger than him and he was really interested. Suddenly, a loud, ear piercing sound startled Fair Bear. Since his hearing is more than twice as good as humans, the siren was twice as loud! But despite his ears, he knew that the alarm meant somewhere, there was a fire. Fair Bear hurried to the pole, and slid down.

n like he did the trees in the forest.

The firewomen put Fair Bear on top of the firetruck, with a special net they made for him that could withstand him pushing against it. With one last wave, the alarm sounded and they were off.

Fair Bear's silky, black, fur was flying in every direction as the firetruck twisted and turned around the road. Fair Bear was so excited to go rescue someone from a fire. Finally, they arrived at the house, which looked like a giant fireplace with roaring fires inside.

Fair Bear grabbed the hose and threw the front to one of the firemen who caught it, and used his special pentagonal wrench to twist the valve on the fire hydrant off and plugged in the hose. Fair Bear watched as water shot out of the hose towards the burning house. Other firemen asked the owners of the house if they were okay. But, they were freaking out because their little dog was still inside. But before anyone could do anything, Fair Bear charged at the door and a wave of heat burst out at Fair Bear.

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Fair Bear listened for the little dog and heard a faint whimpering. He ran upstairs to where the sound was coming from, dodging flames and pieces of the roof. He burst through the bedroom door and in the middle of the room, was a little white dog.

He swiftly ran to the dog and picked her up by the scruff. Fair Bear hurried to the door and jumped out the exit onto the grass with the dog. He laid her down and examined her, and luckily the fluffball

was okay. The owners and firemen ran over and examined her too. They too agreed the dog was okay. Everyone congratulated Fair Bear with pets and scratches, even the dog came up and licked him with thanks. But the thing that brought Fair Bear the most happiness, is that he knew he became the new hero in town.



Third Place 5th Grade
Blakelee Evans
East Laurens Elementary School, East Dublin
Laurens County School System

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Fair Bear's Adventure at the Fire Department

“The Day is here!” as I excitedly hopped out of bed. One special person in my class was picked to visit the local fire department today, me! I had been waiting for this day for weeks! After I got ready, I skipped to the fire department with my permission slip. When I got there, I was greeted by a polite firefighter. “Hello! You must be Fair Bear,” he said as he welcomed me. “That's me!” I replied enthusiastically. “Nice to meet you, Fair Bear. I'm Joe,” he said,

introducing himself. "Nice to meet you, too!"

I responded kindly. "Would you like me to show you around the station?" he asked.

"That would be great!" I said with delight. First, he showed me where they hang out when they are not on a call. There were some couches and a TV as well as a kitchen with some delicious snacks. In addition, they had a variety of board games. They even had a bathroom with a shower! I didn't know they had all these extra amenities. Also, they had a separate room with beds for when they had to stay overnight. "This place is fancy," I thought to myself. Next, they showed me the polished, bright red trucks.

"Would you like to go inside the cab?" Joe asked me. "I would love to!" I replied happily. Just when I hopped out, a very loud alarm sounded. "What does that mean?" I asked Joe as he was quickly putting his gear on. "This means there is a fire in the area," he replied calmly. "AHHH!" I screamed, panicking. "Just stay calm and hop in the truck," Joe's partner, Mark, told me. "Okay, just stay calm and-WHAT? I'M GOING WITH Y'ALL?" I screamed while realizing what Mark had just said. I looked around and all the firefighters were busy dressing for the fire. I knew I needed to do the same! Just then, Joe calmly handed me a suit just my size, and we all climbed into the fire truck.

As soon as we got to the fire, everybody started unloading out of the truck. "Am I supposed to get out?" I asked confusedly.

"I don't think you can come in the building with us, but you can help us unload our tools," Joe told me. "In fact, I need somebody to help me hook up this water hose to the fire hydrant," he said.

"Fair Bear, can you help us do it?" Mark asked. "It would be my pleasure!" I said excitedly. After we put out the fire, we got back in the firetruck and headed back to the station. "You did such a good job

today!" the firefighters shouted. After the excitement settled down, I was thinking about how great it was to be a firefighter. Being able to help people in need would be a huge honor, so I hope to be just like Joe! As I walked out the door, I was hoping I could come back and help again one day!