



First Place 4th Grade
Lydia Garnto
Johnson County Elementary
Johnson County

2019 Georgia National Fair
Fair Bear Creative Writing Competition
"Fair Bear's Favorite Holiday Tradition"

Fair Bear's New Year!
Fair Bear loves New Year's Eve and Day. He loves all the traditions he and all his family do when the New Year rolls around. Here are a few of the traditions Fair Bear says are his favorite.

One of Fair Bear's favorite traditions is inviting his friends, Honest Owl and Kind Koala, for a sleepover at Fair Bear's den and watching fireworks together on New Year's Eve. They like the "BOOM" and "CRACK" of the fireworks, but they like the Sparkles most of all! After the fireworks Honest Owl, Kind Koala, and Fair Bear play Monopoly in their matching pajamas. Fair Bear chooses to play Monopoly because he wins every time!

The next tradition is watching the ball drop on the television. For every hour that passes by, they pop a balloon and when the ball drops at midnight the final balloon has confetti in it. They really love seeing the ball drop and popping the "hour balloons." This is the most exciting part of the night for Fair Bear and his friends because the loud pop of the last balloon means a New Year is starting!

Finally, Fair Bear absolutely loves to eat all of the traditional food he and his family make on New Year's Day. They eat escargot, shrimp alfredo, and drink honey smoothies. Fair Bear, on the other hand, prefers strawberry smoothies more than honey smoothies. He always makes sure there is a strawberry smoothie made just for him.

Fair Bear's favorite time of year is New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. He loves being with his friends and family during this time of year. He enjoys the fireworks, sleepover, and playing Monopoly with his friends. He also likes watching the ball drop and popping the "hour balloons". His all time favorite activity is munching on his favorite food and, especially, drinking his strawberry smoothie. Fair Bear gets so ecstatic about New Years that he can't wait to celebrate it each year!



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Thomas County

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Fair Bear loves ALL U.S. holidays, but his favorite holiday out of all of them is, CHRISTMAS! Every Christmas Eve, Fair Bear decorates his Christmas tree with pinecones, dead branches, and whatever he finds lying around. After that, he prepares a hive of honey from the "kind" honey bees. He shoos them off and collects the hive. After he gets back to his spot, he scurries around, trying to find some of his leftover deer leg. Once he's done, he sets in near his pinestraw bed, and drifts off to sleep. For Christmas, Fair

Bear asked for a friend. Meaning he wanted a friend to have fun with, like another bear. During the night, Santa Bear came and delivered Fair Bear's stuffed friend. Then, he scarfed down the honey and leftover deer leg. Then he flew off to find the next bear den. When Fair Bear awoke to the next morning, he jumped for joy as he looked at his stuffed bear friend. He picked it up and asked himself, "What will I name my new friend?" Then he thought of a cute name, Stuffed Bear. "I love it!" said Fair Bear, acting like Stuffed Bear could talk. Then, he took Stuffed Bear and went hunting for honey and meat. Fair Bear wasn't lonely, anymore.



Third Place 4th Grade
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Fair Bear

Hi, my name is Fair Bear. Let me tell you about my favorite holiday Christmas. Christmas is the most amazing time of the year. It is the holiday that we celebrate Jesus' birthday. The birth of Jesus is the most important event in all of history. Getting presents is also really fun. The whole bear family comes for Christmas. On Christmas Eve, we all gather at Granny Bear's house. Uncle Harvey Bear fires up the smoker and gets it ready for the pig. My cousin Care Bear, my brother Cuddle Bear, and I sing Christmas carols. We call this party Noche Buena. My aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, and parents all come to this special event. After the pig has been roasted, we all gather at the table for a feast. We eat ribs, black beans, rice, collard greens, and cornbread. For dessert, we eat cake and if we get lucky, we get candy. Sometimes we get Christmas back. When the party

is over, we all sit in the living room and admire the wonderful decorations. The garland is carefully draped on the mantle and the stockings hang over the fireplace. Snow globes are placed throughout the house, and a wreath is on the door. The Christmas tree is well lit and has many ornaments. Christmas is a magical time, and these are the seasons when