



First Place 5th Grade
Maci Shoultz
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Independant

2020 Georgia National Fair
Fair Bear Creative Writing Competition
"Fair Bear Visits Georgia's Coast"

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Fair Bear was going to Cumberland Island for spring break. He was excited to see the wild horses with his sister, Madi. The family parked their car in downtown St. Marys to get on a ferry to go to Cumberland Island.

When they arrived, they settled into their inn. Fair Bear and Madi started to look around the island.

Fair Bear collected grass for the wild horses at the beach. While Madi played games at the inn, Fair Bear went to look for the horses.

Fair Bear set off toward the Plum Orchard Mansion. It was the largest house Fair Bear had ever seen, over 24000 square feet. Fair Bear wanted to stop and play in

the trees in the front, but he wasn't sure about the moss hanging down. He looked all around the yard but didn't see any horses. Then, he set off towards

the Ice House Museum. He was hoping to find blocks of ice to cool off with on the hot day, but it was a museum now. He looked inside for a few minutes. Then he went outside to look around, but there were no horses anywhere!

Fair Bear went past the First African Baptist Church on his way to the Dungeness Ruins. It was a small church, but Fair Bear heard some people saying that famous people had their weddings there.

Fair Bear walked all over the Dungeness Ruins' remains. There were brick and stone walls left from a massive fire. While it was a huge 35,000 square feet, there were no horses anywhere. He was sad. He had had no success in finding horses that day.

When he was almost back at the inn, he saw something... horses! They were tan, brown, and beige.

He ran over to see them but soon realized something; he didn't have his

bag full of grass! Fair Bear felt sad because he had finally found the horses, and now, he didn't have anything to feed them.

As he was about to leave, he heard his sister calling his name.

Madi was running to him with his bag full of grass! She had found it when she was taking a walk by the seashore. Madi gave him the bag and together they fed the horses. Fair Bear thought to himself, "This was the best day ever!"



Second Place 5th Grade
Camp Hopkins
Williams Heights Elementary
Ware County

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On a sweltering day in June, Fair Bear was lazily watching his favorite TV show, Berenstain Bears, chilling on the couch. He saw a gorgeous place in Jekyll Island, Georgia called Drift Wood Beach. It looked awesome, with twisty sticks coming out of the ground and water as clear as glass. Fair Bear yelled, "Mom come see this!" She was amazed at how beautiful it looked. "Well, mom can we go?" Fair Bear asked. Mama Bear thought for a moment and said, "Sure, why not. A day trip exploring the sunny Georgia coast would be nice, and you need to get outside and have fun!" Directly after that, mama called papa bear at the office to ask about the trip. Papa Bear agreed it was a great idea to spend more quality family time together, and they decided they were going first thing tomorrow morning. Fair Bear packed his favorite swim trunks and goggles, a striped towel, and of course a Polaroid camera. That night Fair Bear was so excited he couldn't fall asleep until 11 o'clock!!!

Next morning Fair Bear waltz up with joy. Mama surprised him when she said they were taking a ferry to Jekyll Island. Fair Bear thought that the ferry would be boring, but boy was he wrong! It was awesome! Fish were jumping out of the river and huge alligators with bulging black eyes were following the ferry. People were fishing on small boats. The wind was blowing Fair Bear's fur everywhere. Papa Bear pointed out the Sidney Lanier Bridge coming up so, they were closer.

They docked at the national historic landmark district, and Mama Bear said, "Let's rent bikes and see historic cottages." Fair Bear really wanted to go to the beach, but knew his mom would make him see some culture, so they hopped on their bikes and toured some old cottages. It was actually kind of fun to see the Crane Cottage, which was Fair Bear's favorite because it looked like a huge mansion. He even took a picture for his friends to see. They looped around and saw ancient live oak trees everywhere. After riding a few miles, they grabbed lunch and finally rode to the beach.

Driftwood Beach was a perfect place for an afternoon picnic. After their delicious club sandwiches, Papa Bear told Fair Bear that the beach used to be a maritime forest and now was a sandy shore lined with weathered tree trunks and branches. Fair Bear thought it was just sticks! It was truly an amazing sight. Fair Bear had so much fun climbing the trunks, swimming in the crystal clear Atlantic Ocean, and watching the Ospreys soaring through

the setting sun. When the tide got high, Fair Bear and his family left the sunny beach, loaded the ferry and headed home.

The day trip to Jekyll Island Coast was truly a dream. Way better than the commercial!



Third Place 5th Grade
Lydia Garnto
Johnson County Elementary School
Johnson County

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Fair Bear Goes Down to Georgia's Coast

It was wintertime down in Georgia. All the bears were sleeping peacefully among their dark caves, but was Fair Bear hibernating? NO! He was just getting started with his vacation on Georgia's Coast!

Fair Bear is the life of the party whenever it comes to vacations. He loves visiting all of the attractions. First, Fair Bear went down to Oatland Island Wildlife Center. He met a really nice bear named T.J. All of the guards were slightly frightened when they saw him because they didn't know he was friendly, so he got kicked out. That was okay though, because what was going to happen next would make his day even better.

Next, Fair Bear went to go tanning on the beach, but then he realized... it's winter! Did that stop Fair Bear? NO! He went out to the ocean to catch some waves. A big, dark, frightening wave seemed to pull Fair Bear closer, but he stayed strong. Fair Bear rode that wave 'till the end. He

even did it again!

Next, Fair Bear decided to go stay at a hotel, but he had to pay extra due to a "No Bear Policy." He still couldn't stop thinking about the beach, so he went to the pool and hot tub area. Luckily, he was the only one there, so he could do anything he

wanted to do, as long as he didn't get too crazy!

The last thing Fair Bear did was look out at the beautiful view of Georgia's Coast from his hotel room. His hotel was right in front of the beach, so he caught a glimpse of the gorgeous ocean. Fair Bear was really tired, so he laid in his bed and was about to text his new friend T.J.. Then he realized, OH No! He left his phone at the pool! He ran down to go get it, and thank goodness it was still there! He was looking through his photos, and he saw the most wonderful, gorgeous pictures of the coast. There was only one question, who took them? To this day, Fair Bear still doesn't know who took those photos!

Fair Bear enjoyed his vacation at Georgia's Coast, even though it was winter. Fair Bear thought it was way more fun than hibernating!