



HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA
GOLDEN GATE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS
Promoting a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling.

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"ADVENTURES IN HOSTELLING" WRITING CONTEST SEEKS SHORT PERSONAL STORIES
PRIZES INCLUDE ROUND-TRIP INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE AND FLIP VIDEO CAMERAS
Deadline to enter: July 15, 2008

San Francisco, CA – The "Adventures in Hostelling" Writing Contest seeks very short (150-250 words) stories recounting a personal experience that either took place at a hostel or was made possible through a hostel stay.

Organized in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA, the contest seeks real-life anecdotes that help to illustrate the range of broadening experiences made possible through hostelling. Travelers are invited to share tales of meeting memorable people, encountering new cultures or fresh perspectives, embarking on unforeseen adventures, making a life-altering decision, or any other hostel experience that had an impact on their lives.

Winners will be chosen by a jury including professional travel writers, other travel industry professionals, and Council staff and alumni. All winning stories will be printed in a special 50th anniversary commemorative publication, and prizes will be awarded as follows:

- One Grand Prize winner will receive a voucher for round-trip, international travel on American Airlines.
- Three Jury Prize winners will each receive a Flip Video camera.
- Honorable Mention winners will each receive a one-year Hostelling International membership.

TO ENTER

Enter online at www.norcalhostels.org/50years.

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Entries may also be mailed, along with name, mailing address, phone number, and email address, to:

Adventures in Hostelling Writing Contest
HI-USA Golden Gate Council
425 Divisadero Street #307
San Francisco, CA 94117
USA

Entries must be 150-250 words, and must be received no later than July 15, 2008. One entry per person. There is no entry fee and no purchase necessary to enter. For more information and full contest rules, visit

www.norcalhostels.org/50years.

ABOUT HI-USA GOLDEN GATE COUNCIL

Founded in 1958, the Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA is a nonprofit network of 10 hostels in Northern California, providing quality, affordable accommodations at historic properties in both urban centers and in State and National Parks. In addition to offering accommodations for people of all ages, the Council runs outdoor and intercultural educational programs for underserved youth in the San Francisco Bay Area. An affiliate of Hostelling International USA and the International Youth Hostel Federation, the Council's mission is "to help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling."

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