

The Peter Wells Short Fiction Contest

Coordinated by Samesame But Different 2024

In 2024, we're going to camp!

We'd like you to tell us a campfire tale – one that excites, mystifies, frightens, inspires: makes us laugh, swoon, rage.

What counts as a campfire story is up to you and while writers do not have to restrict their story to any particular theme, genre or setting, it will have relevance to the broader Aotearoa New Zealand LGBTQIA+ community.

And we would like to see the word '**camp**' and/or '**fire**' used at least once in any way and in any place in the stories.

Additional queries can be sent to pwssfc23@gmail.com.



Contest Rules

To enter, entrants must adhere to the following:

1. Stories must be **your own original works of fiction**, and not previously published or con-currently submitted elsewhere.
2. **You must identify as LGBTQIA+**, and your story should have **relevance to Aotearoa's LGBTQIA+ community**.
3. The word '**camp**' and/or '**fire**' must be used at least once in any way and in any place in the stories.
4. Stories must be **between 1,200 and 2,000 words** in length. Any entry above or below this limit will be disallowed automatically.
5. Please **include your word count** at the end of your story.
6. Stories must be **emailed as attachments** in Word format to: pwssfc23@gmail.com.
7. Stories must be received by midnight on **Friday 5 January 2024**. Late entries will not be accepted.
8. **Your name must not appear** in headers, footers or anywhere in your story – our judges read all stories in blissful ignorance of the writer's identity.
9. Please **give your work a title** as a heading on the first page of your story. This helps us identify each piece.
10. Be sure to include your **full name, pronouns, email address and contact phone number** as well as the title of your story in your submission email.
11. We only accept stories from writers resident or normally **resident in New Zealand**.
12. To enter the **promising young writer** category, please confirm in your email that you are aged 25 or under. You will still also be eligible to win the Overall Winner Peter Wells Short Fiction Contest prize.
13. If you submit a story to the competition, you are also giving us **permission to publish it**, which may be online or in a printed publication.
14. The winner may be **invited to read their work** at our Contest Winners Announcement event during the Samesame But Different festival, held annually in February.
15. You may submit **more than one story**.
16. **Previous winners** of either award are not eligible to win in the same category.

Checklist

Before submitting your story(s) please complete, for your own self-reference, the following checklist:

- My story(s) is my own original work of fiction, and not previously published or concurrently submitted elsewhere.
- My story has relevance to the broader Aotearoa New Zealand LGBTQIA+ community.
- My story(s) is between 1,200 and 2,000 words (and has not exceeded 2000 words)
- I have used the word 'camp' and/or 'fire' at least once in my story(s).
- I have the title of my story(s) as a heading on the first page.
- I have included my full name, pronouns, email address and contact phone and the title of my story(s) in my submission email.
- I have include my word count at the end of my story(s).
- My name does not appear in headers or footers or anywhere in my story(s).
- In my covering email I have confirmed that I am entering my story(s) in the promising young writer category and also that I am aged 25 or under. (You will still also be eligible for the Overall Winner Peter Wells Short Fiction Contest prize).