



Young Falcon Fans: The City of San José needs your help!

Spring has come and it's an exciting time for the peregrine falcons who call San José City Hall home as they welcome a new batch of chicks. You now have the opportunity to create names for one of these new baby falcons!

Winners of the naming contest will receive a commendation from the Mayor at a City Council meeting, two free passes to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, and a school assembly featuring Glenn Stewart of the UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group.

To find out more about the City Hall falcons, go to www.sanjoseca.gov/falcons.

TO SUBMIT:

- Learn more about peregrine falcons by researching them, their habits, and their lifestyles
- Think of a meaningful or clever, and fitting name for one of the falcon babies
- Fill out a submission form and have a parent or guardian sign it
- Attach one of the following: An original drawing or computer graphic; a short essay; a video; or a song (see guidelines on next page)
- Submit online at City Hall Falcons (www.sanjoseca.gov/falconnamingcontest)

OR

- Send the completed form (www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/29096) and original artwork/essay/video/song to falcon@sanjoseca.gov

OR

- Mail the completed form and original artwork/essay/video/song to:

Falcon Naming c/o Mayor's Office
200 E. Santa Clara St., 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

Peregrine Falcons are the fastest animal on the planet and have the ability to dive through the air at high speeds (up to 250 mph) while hunting. In the mid 1970s, peregrine falcons were near extinction due to environmental contamination by pesticides. It was believed that during this time, there were only two known pairs of peregrines nesting in California. Today, thanks in part to rescue efforts and the passage of the Endangered Species Act, more than 250 pairs of peregrines live in California.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- The participant must be between the ages of 5 and 18 as of April 1, 2015
- The participant must be a resident of San José, California or attend a San José, California school
- The participant must have permission from a parent or guardian to enter
- All submissions must be completely **original content**
- All submissions must be received or postmarked by April 24, 2015 at midnight
- Previous winners are not eligible to win
- Limit one entry per person or team (teams may include classrooms, small groups, etc.)
- Previously selected names are ineligible, including the following: Clara, Fernando Ahote', Beatrix, Blaze, Bolt, Carlos, Cielo, Cobalt, Cohete, Colbert, Comet, Esperanza, Esteban, Halo, Hermes, Hiko, Hope, Horácio, Ilahay, José, Kekoa, Kya, Maya, Mercury, Meyye, Orion, Shadow, Spirit, Striker, Thunder, Tierra, Unita, Veer.
- In the event that duplicate names are submitted, the tiebreaker will depend on the quality of the submissions as determined by the judges
- Up to 10 finalists will be selected by a panel of judges and placed online by April 29, 2015 to be voted on by the San José Peregrine Falcon Discussion Group to determine the final names. The winners will be announced May 5, 2015.

ARTWORK OPTION:

- Artwork must be on a standard-sized sheet of paper (11 inches by 17 inches)
- Artwork may be composed of any medium or combination of media (pen, pencil, paint, crayon, collage, etc.)
- Artwork should depict why the name you selected suits the falcon

ESSAY OPTION:

- Essay should be between 50 to 250 words
- Essay should be written on a standard-sized sheet of paper (8 ½ inches by 11 inches)
- Essay should elaborate on why the selected name suits the falcon

VIDEO OPTION:

- Video should be no longer than 2 minutes
- Video should be submitted on a DVD
- Video should explain why the selected name suits the falcon

SONG OPTION:

- Song should be no longer than 2 minutes
- Song should be submitted on a CD or e-mailed to falcon@sanjoseca.gov as an MP3 file
- Song should illustrate why the selected name suits the falcon