

Prairie Times Writers' Guidelines

The Prairie Times is known as a “family friendly” publication with a country flavor. We welcome submissions that fit this format from local writers in Colorado.

What we want:

Funny, heartwarming, humorous, or touching stories under 800 words. We want historical nonfiction, stories of courage and honor, family, personal responsibility, animal stories, and lessons learned. The stories should be acceptable for family reading.

Don't stick to the same topic. Send a different kind of story each time; this increases your chances of being published and gives our readers more variety.

What we don't want:

Autobiographical articles about the life of individuals. We'd rather know their quirks than their entire history. Choose an event that sticks out in your mind that will bring a smile, and submit it as a short story.

Rambling vacation stories. Tell us about a single interesting event (or recurring events such as how it always rains on your camping trips) on the vacation, not an article cataloguing everything you did.

Rambling historical nonfiction. Same as the above. Tell us about a single event. Try and make it as fun as possible.

Hunting stories. Many of our readers are animal-lovers by nature. We do not accept any form of hunting story.

Poetry. No poetry.

Submit 4 stories a year:

We have limited space and tons of writers, so choose carefully what you want to submit.

We want our stories to reflect the mission and the purpose of the *Prairie Times*, which is to provide entertainment, a good outlet for our advertisers, and promote good, traditional values. We will reject any submission that we feel does not fit that criteria.

Send Manuscripts To:
charity@prairietimes.com
as a Word attachment.

Submit no more than two manuscripts at a time. We will notify you if your manuscript has been accepted and when it will be published. Wait for a reply before submitting more material.

Manuscripts must be typed with a good typewriter, printed with a laser or ink-jet printer, or in a Microsoft Word document, and should be single spaced.

The first page must contain your full name, address, and day-time phone number. Each subsequent page should contain your first and last name in case the pages get separated. It's okay to staple them together.

Include an e-mail address if you have one.

Please do not submit manuscripts for someone else or those previously published (by us, or any other publication) unless you retain the full copyright.

Further instructions: Please keep a copy of your story in case something happens to ours. When we place our story and notify you, please keep a record for yourself. Neither accepted nor rejected stories will be returned.

Length and payment:

300-550 words \$10
600-800 words \$20

Payment is made following publication.

Photographs: You may include a good quality photo to go with your story. If so, please include a SASE and be sure your photo has your name and address on the back. Photos will be used at our discretion.

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