

The Great Outdoors

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Emma won 1st Place in a University Inter-Scholastic League creative writing competition for 3rd and 4th graders in Houston on January 10, 2009. She was given the subject of 'the great outdoors' at the competition and had only one hour to write her response. Let's give Emma a big 1-2-3 HOW!

Echo Hill Ranch for me is not camp, but home. It is the great outdoors. It is my luxury spot of inner peace. It is a friend. It is a place where I feel welcome. It is my soul.

Delivered upon the Texas hill country lies this little spot. The rushing water washes in the beautiful river Medina. I swim, and laugh, and swirl myself around and around, cleansing myself both in and out. You could never be so dirty, yet you could never be so clean.

I love this place because it's my
Soother,
Family,
And friend.
This place is packed with jillions of activities,
Like archery,
Riflery,
And crafts.

I could never leave this place for longer than one year. For this is how long I must wait to find my inner peace.

The hills are calling out to me old friend. So long. For I will lie there until my journeys end.