NEW DUE DATE!

Fourth Grade Student Essay Competition

Hoosier Bicentennial Heroes

The Indiana State House Tour Office in conjunction with the Indiana Center for the Book and the Indiana State Library is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana Statehood Day 2013, a celebration of Indiana's 197th birthday. To start us thinking about our 200th Statehood Day in 2016, this year's theme is *Hoosier Bicentennial Heroes*. For additional information on the essay contest, please visit: in.gov/library/statehood.htm. Winners of the *Hoosier Bicentennial Heroes* essay contest will be honored at the Statehood Day Celebration at one of four participating locations on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. For additional information regarding events planned for Statehood Day, please visit in.gov/idoa/2371.htm.

Hoosier Bicentennial Heroes essay contest rules:

- The competition is open to **any Indiana fourth grade** public, private or homeschooled student.
- Essays must range from **100 to 300** words, handwritten or typed.
- Essays should be submitted on the **front** of one page whenever possible. No identifying information should be on the front of the entry. Identifying information including the **student's name, teacher's name, school's name, address, telephone number, and a valid email address** for the teacher or individual, must be included. Entries without this information will be deemed ineligible. Entries are accepted from schools or individuals.
- **Essays should be reflective of the theme** and convey clear thoughts about Hoosier Bicentennial Heroes. The judges will be accepting a broad interpretation of the theme. Indiana is about to turn 200. Who is a Hoosier Bicentennial Hero to you?
- **Essays must be postmarked by ~~Friday, October 25, 2013~~. DUE DATE EXTENDED TO NOV 5TH, 2013.** We are not accepting electronic submissions. Essays should be mailed to:

  Indiana Center for the Book
  Suzanne Walker
  140 N. Senate Ave
  Indianapolis, IN 46204

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- A panel of judges will choose **first**, **second**, **third**, and **fourth** place winners.

The winners, along with their class, will be invited to read his or her essays at one of the four participating locations on December 11th for Indiana's 197th Statehood Day.

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