

OSHKOSH



# POETRY CONTEST

## OSHKOSH IS

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Oshkosh is  
Love for the water  
Of which I mention two,  
The Fox River  
And Lake Winnebago  
A water system unique  
To view!

Oshkosh is  
One for the skies  
With airplanes galore  
To see  
From bi-planes  
To fast planes  
For any pilot wanna-be!

Oshkosh is  
One for the sportsman  
With pheasants and deer  
Close by  
Don't forget  
Turkeys  
And Perch and Walleye!

Oshkosh is  
One for the shopper  
With an 80 store mall  
And lots of shops downtown  
Unique and charming  
And Farmer's Market year-round!

Oshkosh is  
One for the Arts  
Visit the Grand Opera  
Visit the Paine Art Center  
The Oshkosh Museum  
Downtown Art Walk  
Unique shops  
Find a treasure or two!

Oshkosh is  
One for a glass of beer  
And is kind of crafty  
With Bare Bones Brewery  
Fifth Ward Brewery  
And other choices for  
A refreshing way to cool  
Off in the heat of the day!

Oshkosh is  
Event City  
With festivals  
From Rock to Country  
To Lifest  
To arena events  
And "The Herd!"

Oshkosh is  
One for nature  
With birding  
And fishing  
And hiking  
And parks with  
Ponds, like South Park  
And large spaces  
Like Menominee Park  
On the water!

Oshkosh is  
One for people  
Who like lots of stuff  
To do  
On the ground, in snow,  
In or on water  
Or even up in the air  
A great city we have here!



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# Unknown Worlds

Written by Renee Ruman

In the eyes of a child, the world is something new and ready to be discovered  
The discoveries lie in many places some hidden and some common  
The first places a child uncovers is **their city**  
Those memories of discovery and adventure will never be forgotten

Maybe two lions are able to catch a child's attention  
The lions Sawyer and Harris look down standing proudly atop a long staircase  
To a child, this building holds adventures in new worlds  
New worlds hid in books that a child must read to uncover

A child doesn't forget the excitement ducking and hiding behind towering wooden beams  
This is where a child could fly an airplane or climb through a giant's mouth  
Their imaginations went wild and ceased to weaken with every new turn in a mystical world  
These children learned how to daydream in a place **where dreams come true**

A child is frozen in time as they stare unblinking at a large grey wolf  
This is where a child begins to discover the natural world that surrounds them  
A child stretches out their arms as far as they can against a sign asking what's your wingspan  
They begin to understand the beauty of animals and plants hidden in faraway places

When they first walk through the doors they are awestruck  
The size and quantity of the planes and not comprehensible to a child  
The sound of the engines thunder in their chest as a smile of amazement creeps on their face  
The spirit of aviation never ceases to amaze a child

Something was different now...

One of many who once were children decided to take one last walk through their memories  
The sun warmed their face as they slowly walked the same paths they did years before  
They remembered times spent in the **library, Little Oshkosh, the Menominee Park Zoo, and EAA**  
They recalled the curiosity and excitement they had at all of these places making them who they are

The curiosity they had by discovering their city fueled the first steps into a bright future  
They stood still and started to realize that their life wasn't different and it had never changed  
They were walking into another unknown world just like they had done as a child  
Except for this time they were far more prepared by what they had learned in **Oshkosh**



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