2017 AFTJ Bento Contest

The Association of Florida Teachers of Japanese (AFTJ) will hold a bento contest in fall. The traditional dietary cultures of the Japanese (what we call Washoku in Japanese) was inscribed in 2013 on the UNESCO’s List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The purpose of this bento contest is to enjoy and cherish Japan’s cute and cool food culture. We are looking for photos of cute and creative bento decorated in a food container. The entrants will need to submit 2 photos: 1 photo of the bento and 1 photo of the participant making the bento. The deadline of the submission is 5:00 pm (Eastern Time) on Friday, October 20. The 1st and 2nd winners will be awarded with prizes.

1. Contest Policy
   Entrants must meet all the requirements as outlined in this document.

2. Eligibility
   To participate in this contest, a student should currently be enrolled or were enrolled during the 2016-2017 academic year in a Japanese course (language or cultural content) taught by an AFTJ teacher member.

3. Prizes
   1st Place - $50 Amazon Gift card
   2nd Place – a Bento Box

4. Registration
   Only the entrants who pre-register will be allowed to participate. Please submit the registration form at https://goo.gl/forms/TBlujOhY1168c61v2.
   The registration due is at 5:00pm (Eastern Time) on Friday, September 22, 2017.

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4. **Bento Requirements:**

1. Submission should be a photo of a cute and creative bento fitted in a food container and another photo of the contestant actually making the bento entry.
2. All photos must be original; created solely by the entrant; have never been submitted in any other contest or won any previous awards, and must not infringe the right of any third party.
3. Arrangement of the food must be no larger than actual size of 10” x 10”. Anything fitting within these measurements is acceptable, including but not limited to bento box, lunch box and other containers. Food decorated on a dish or plate is not allowed.
4. One entrant may submit up to 3 separate, distinct creations as individual photos.
5. Photo must be JPG, JPEG format of good quality. Take photos using the JPG or JPEG setting at high resolution with a minimum of **2000 x 2000 pixels**.
6. Provide a brief explanation of the bento design concepts under the entrant’s name and school name on the online submission form. The link to the submission form is provided in the “Submission Guidelines” section below.

5. **Submission Guidelines**

1. Each entrant can submit up to 3 photos of separate and distinct bento entries.
2. Name the JPEG file(s) with the author’s last name and school name (e.g. hagihara_usf.jpg).
3. Submit in the links to your photos in the JPG or JPEG format using the online submission form at [https://goo.gl/forms/qftPmnINAN6noDi333](https://goo.gl/forms/qftPmnINAN6noDi333).
4. The submission due date is **5:00pm (Eastern Time) on Friday, October 20, 2017**.

6. **Prizes:**

The winning bento designers will receive:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Place - $50 Amazon Gift Card
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – a Bento Box

7. **Selection of Winner:**

1. Winners will be selected by the AFTJ logo and character contest committee.
2. The committee’ decisions will be final.