

2026 MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST

LIMERICK CONTEST

Prize \$15

DEADLINES & WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR LIMERICK

Return entry form to the Info Cottage in the Cultural Village by 7:00 PM, Saturday, August 15th.

-OR- Submit by email to limerickcontest@irishfest.com by Wednesday, August 5th.

Participant Information

Name (one person's name only): _____

Phone/Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contest Rules

1. A participant may enter only ONE limerick in the contest during the Milwaukee Irish Fest weekend.
2. The same limerick may not be submitted multiple times under different names.

HOW TO WRITE A LIMERICK

Read this sample limerick a few times. Note the rhythm and rhyme schemes.

To the Irish Fest grounds I did run ("A" end rhyme "un")

da DUM da da DUM da da DUM - (3 "DUMS" or BEATS)

I took my wife to have fun ("A" end rhyme "un")

da DUM da da DUM da da DUM- (3 "DUMS" or BEATS)

We drank and ate food ("B" end rhyme "ood")

da da DUM da da DUM (2 "DUMS" or BEATS)

Which fueled our good mood ("B" end rhyme "ood")

da da DUM da da DUM (2 "DUMS" or BEATS)

On Sunday we were sad it was done ("A" end rhyme "/un/")

- J. Dentice

THE CHALLENGE:

Using the first line given below, complete a limerick that:

- Matches the rhythm of the first line and its rhyme scheme in lines 2 and 5
- Follows the limerick rhyme and rhythm in lines 3 and 4 that's given on the previous page.
- Says something clever about Irish Fest, but in a family friendly way (wording inappropriate to our family festival will, alas, amuse the judges but be grounds for dismissing your effort from the competition).

Begin your Limerick...

1. ***At Irish Fest this year **you must start with this phrase*****

2.

3.

4.

5.

By entering this contest, you have my permission to post my name and limerick on the Milwaukee Irish Fest website.

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