

Contest Title: "Create Your Fort Ross Quest"

Terms and Conditions

1. General Provisions

1.1. Contest "Create Your Fort Ross Quest," hereafter referred to as "Contest" conducted by representative office of nonprofit corporation "Project Harmony, Inc." with the support of the U.S. Embassy in the Russian Federation.

1.2. The Contest aims to draw attention to the cultural and educational ties between Russia and the United States. 2012 marked 200 year anniversary since the founding of Fort Ross, the southernmost Russian outpost on the lands that nowadays belong to the United States. Located in northern California, Fort Ross symbolizes meeting point of cultures, suggests crossroads of Russian, American, Spanish, and Native Americans. This settlement – is witness to the birth of the relationship between the United States and Russia.

1.3. During the Contest, participating teams will create Fort Ross (U.S.A., CA) themed quest hereafter referred to as "Quest". The winning team will visit the United States, including Fort Ross, in July 2015

1.4. Contest location: Russian Federation.

2 Aims and objectives of the competition

Achieving the main objective of the Contest which is to create Fort Ross themed quest, using modern mobile, multimedia and information resources and technology, involves completing series of tasks:

- In-depth acquainting of the Contest participants with the history Fort Ross;
- Studying history of Russian-American relations;
- Increasing interest of competitors and potential participants of these quests in understanding languages and cultures of Russia and the United States;
- Sharing experience and information between educational establishments participating in the Contest and Fort Ross museum complex staff;
- Creating Quests dedicated to Fort Ross and history of Russian-U.S. bilateral relations with perspective further use of the aforementioned quests for educational purposes at educational institutions of various levels.

3. Contest duration

The Contest is held on the following dates: November 12, 2014 thru July 31, 2014 and is divided in several stages:

- 1 Contest announcement - November 12, 2014
- 2 Acceptance of entries: November 12, 2014 - February 1, 2015
- 3 Review of submitted proposals, absentee selection of 5 semifinalists: 1 - February 28, 2015
- 4 Skype interview with the semi-finalists, project presentations, selection of finalists: 1-15 March 2015
- 5 Winning team announcement: March 25, 2015
- 6 Visit to the U.S. of the winning team: July 2015

4. Contestants

- 4.1. Participation in the Contest is open to teams consisting of three high school students (grades 8-10) and a teacher. All team members must be proficient in English.
- 4.2. The contest entries must be submitted on behalf of each team.
- 4.3 Preference will be given to applications submitted by students who have not had previously visited the United States.
- 4.4 Representatives of the winning team must have international passports valid by May 2015.

5. Conditions, management and contest conducting

- 5.1. Participation in the contest is free of charge.
- 5.2. The Quest can be created in any form or format (including, but not limited to mobile application, website, interactive presentation, etc.).

Compulsory conditions:

- All Quests should be dedicated to Fort Ross (CA), the Quest shall be based on reliable information about the fort and its history;
- Mobile devices (smartphones, tablets) shall be used in the course of the Quest;
- The Quest shall be developed in two languages (Russian and English).

5.3 Application format for the Contest shall be a .pdf formatted file, describing the Quest as follows:

- Description of the Quest;
- Questions and answers to the Quest, historical and geographical references;

- Hardware and software to be used in the course of completion the Quest;
- Description of mobile technologies needed to complete the Quest;
- Volume – shall exceed no more than 2000 words.
- Application language: English. Graphic materials (photos, graphics) are welcome.

5.4 Information about Fort Ross, useful links as well as photo and video resources can be found on the US Embassy website's [special page on Fort Ross](#).

5.5 The decision to grant U.S. entry visas to the winning team is rendered by the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the United States.

5.6 To apply the team should [submit the online form](#). All questions regarding the contest should be referred to fortross@PH-INT.ORG