



22nd Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week™ Photography Contest

Rules and Regulations

January 7 - 14, 2012



The 22nd Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography™ Contest is proudly sponsored by the Nantahala Outdoor Center's Great Outpost. The goal of the Wilderness Wildlife Week™ Photography Contest is to encourage the enjoyment of the beauty of nature and to share the experience through photography.

1. Photographs must be original work of exhibitor.
2. Your photograph entry must be submitted according to the following instruction.
 - a. All photographs must be mounted on foam core or 4 ply mounting board. *A finished entry size must be a minimum of 8 inches (in any direction) and maximum of 20 inches (in any direction). Entries may be flush mounted or matted.*
 - b. Photographs must be mounted and ready to hang for exhibition. Please affix an adequate amount of Velcro™ tape (hook/rough side) to the back of each entry for hanging. If you are unsure of which is the hook side, please bring both sides and it will be affixed onsite.
 - c. Shrink-wrap covers, glass or other covers, frames, metal hooks and metal clips may NOT be used.
 - d. Entrants are advised that a ½ inch round sticker with entry number will be affixed to the lower right corner of photo.
 - e. Each entry must be labeled on the back with an UP arrow or the word TOP for proper orientation.
 - f. An entry form should be completed for each individual photo. Please cut and affix the appropriate portion of the form to the back of the entry and bring the remaining portion with you when entering your photo.
 - g. Personal identification of any type is not allowed on the front of the entry (photo or matting).
3. **While all due care will be given to prevent damage or loss of any entry, the City of Pigeon Forge, its agents, elected officials, employees, and volunteers can assume no liability for such damage or loss that may occur as a result of entering the Wilderness Wildlife Week™ Photography Contest. By entering this contest, you waive any claims to such damage or loss.**
4. No individual may enter more than one photograph per division, with a limit of five total entries. Entrants in the Amateur Division are not permitted to compete in the Professional Division and likewise, entrants in the Professional Division are not permitted to compete in the Amateur Division.
5. Photographs winning at any level in previous Wilderness Wildlife Week™ Photography Contests are not eligible for entry.
6. Entry Acceptance and Judging
 - a. Decisions of the panel of judges will be final. Entries will be judged on theme, artistic merit, presentation, and technique. This includes, but is not limited to subject relativity to the division and overall theme of the contest, frame of the shot, horizon line and point of focus, choice in presentation (flush or matted – and choices thereof), sharpness, resolution, and coloration of the image.
 - b. The City of Pigeon Forge reserves the right to reject any entry, including those that fail to follow the contest rules and theme, or any entry whose subject matter may be deemed by contest officials to be unsuitable for exhibition in a family environment.
 - c. Entries will be placed in the division designated by the entrant and will be judged on the basis of that category.
 - d. Acceptance for display does not necessarily imply acceptance for judging.
7. Contest photographs must remain on display the duration of the show and must be picked up between 4:00pm and 6:00pm on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Entries not picked up **WILL NOT** be mailed to owners. Entries not picked up will be removed from event site at 6:00pm on January 14, 2012 and stored at the Office of Special Events for one calendar year. Entries may be picked up during regular business hours throughout the year.

#	Division	Who Can Enter?	Subject
1	Amateur	All ages who <u>DO NOT</u> earn any income from photography	Any subject related to nature wilderness, or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs)
2	Professional	All ages who earn <u>ANY</u> income from photography	Any subject related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs)
3	Best Landscape or Seascape Image	Everyone	Any broad view image of land or water
4	Best Wildlife Scene	Everyone	Any wildlife subject (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs)
5	Best Youth & Young Adults Image	Open to children and young adults <u>UNDER</u> the age of 18	Any subject related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs)
6	Nature's Wonders in Black & White	Everyone	Any subject or scene related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs) in black and white
7	Great Smoky Mountain Landmarks	Everyone	Photo of any Great Smoky Mountain landmark (ex. Walker Sisters' cabin, Mt. LeConte, Cades Cove, etc.)

Please see page two for more information.

Awards per Division

First Place - \$100 + Ribbon

Second Place - \$50 + Ribbon

Third Place - \$25 + Ribbon

One (1) People's Choice Ribbon and \$50 will be awarded based on popular vote. All divisions are eligible.

One (1) Judges' Choice Ribbon and \$50 will be awarded based on the photograph that best exhibits quality as well as the spirit of wilderness. All divisions are eligible.

Entry Dates / Locations / Judging

January 3 – 6, 2012 9:00AM –4:30PM at the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events – Stoplight #5 - Pigeon Forge, TN
January 7, 2012 9:00AM –1:00PM at the Music Road Hotel Convention Center – Stoplight #1 – Pigeon Forge, TN

Ribbons will be placed on the winning photographs by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012.

Questions / Information

Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events - (865) 429-7396 - Brandon Barnes - bbarnes@cityofpigeonforge.com

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