

2009 Wildwood Photography Contest Rules

- By participating, the entrant agrees to abide by the official rules of the contest.
- Entries must be original works taken within the Susquehanna River watershed and reflect wetland habitat and/or fauna
- Entries should convey the conservation value of the watershed, its role and value in the region, or the importance of maintaining the watershed free of pollution: chemical, solid, visual, and auditory.
- Entrants are encouraged to submit a short account of the circumstances associated with the taking of their photograph. This can include, but need not be limited to: details of weather; unusual efforts required in taking the image; interesting anecdotes associated with the picture; the photographer's intent in capturing that particular image so that the viewer's understanding and appreciation of the image is enhanced. The "blurb" must fit within a white, unlined 3X5 card.
- Photographs may have been taken at any time up to the deadline date of December 1, 2009.
- There are three contest categories of entrants: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Both entries must be in the same category and there is a maximum of 2 entries permitted per photographer. Choosing a category is solely the decision of the entrant. The Friends of Wildwood take no responsibility for the choice made.
- Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each category.
- Entries must be prints measuring no greater than 9 X 12 inches and must be mounted **securely** on a mat board or, preferably, a foam core board which measures 11 X 14 inches. No frames are permitted. If pictures do not comply with this format, they will be disqualified.
- Entrants are responsible for securing and submitting a standard photo release from all identifiable persons. Entries without the proper release will be rejected.
- No marks or names that can identify the photographer may be visible on the front of the photograph, or mat.
- A copy of the completed photo contest entry form must be securely fastened to the back of each mat submitted. Please indicate the proper orientation of the photo to ensure that it can be hung properly
- The judging will be done by a panel of respected professional photographers. The decision of the judges is final and binding in all matters relating to the contest.
- All photographs must be submitted between Sunday, November 1, and Tuesday, December 1, 2009. They may be delivered during business hours (Tuesday through Sunday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) to the Olewine Nature Center at Wildwood Park or mailed to: *The Friends of Wildwood Lake Nature Center, 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110*
- Entrants who want their materials returned must provide a self-addressed properly stamped envelope with the proper amount of postage (postage stamps only please) and appropriate packaging material to ensure safe delivery by the USPS. We cannot return photos without this material.
- Entrants may pick up their photographs at the Nature Center on Friday, January 29 or Sunday, January 31 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- The award ceremony will be held at 1:30 PM on the opening day of the exhibit, Sunday, January 10. Following the award ceremony, the entered photographs will be exhibited at the Benjamin Olewine Nature Center through January 16.
- Persons employed by The Nature Center, members of the Friends of Wildwood Photography Committee or members of the Board of the Friends of Wildwood or persons residing in their households are not eligible to participate.

All images entered remain the property of the contestant. The Friends of Wildwood Lake Nature Center, Inc. and the Dauphin County Department of Parks and Recreation reserve the right to publish or display submitted photographs on our website and other venues.

While due care will be taken to protect all submissions, The Friends of Wildwood Lake Nature Center assume no liability for any loss, damage or injury of any kind to persons or property resulting from participation in this contest.