



2010 Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge Amateur Photo Contest



Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge are sponsoring their seventh annual Amateur Photo Contest. Photos must be taken on the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, Saginaw, Michigan, between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010. Photographers may enter only one (1) photo per category. The categories are as follow:

Wildlife & Plantlife – mammals, birds, fish, insects, reptiles, wildflowers, grass, trees, etc.

Habitat – a refuge scene depicting one of its many habitats with or without wildlife

People – engaged in an activity or included in a scene on the refuge (staff, volunteers, people hunting, fishing, birdwatching, education program, etc.)

Young Nature Photographer - a special category just for young photographers aged 14-years-old and younger

The photos will be displayed at the Refuge Open House Weekend on September 11, 2010. Visitors will select their favorite photos in each category. All participants will receive certificates. Ribbons and/or small prizes will be awarded to the winners. Official contest rules are as follow:

1. Photographers must be non-professional. All entries must be photographs taken in public areas at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge or its satellite refuge (Michigan Islands NWR) or Green Point Environmental Learning Center, between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010. Please note that no entries from closed areas will be accepted unless taken during a refuge-sponsored activity like the Open House Weekend, guided bird tour, hunt, etc.
2. All photographs should be 5" x 7" or 8" x 10". Black and white or color photos are acceptable. No matted photos, please!
3. Mail or deliver all entries to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest, 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. On the back of the photo, include your name, address, phone number, category entered, the title of the photo, and the date and location of where it was taken.
4. All entries must be received by September 1, 2010.
5. Photographs may be used for refuge publications, web pages, presentations, and displays. Photographers may either donate their original photos to the refuge or make arrangements to have the photos returned, i.e. provide a postage paid envelope or pick up photos from the refuge following the announcement of the winners in October.
6. While extreme care will be taken in handling all entries, the refuge cannot be responsible for any damage to photographs.

Winners will be announced in October, 2010. For further information, please call (989) 759-1669.