9th Annual Friends of the Heinz Refuge Photo Group Photo Contest

The Friends of the Heinz Refuge Photo Group announces its 9th Annual Photography Contest. Images may be of any nature subject, from any location including landscapes, wildlife, wildflowers, people enjoying nature, and the refuge. No domestic animals or pets. Limit 3 entries per person.

All entries will be displayed at the refuge and will be featured at the "Cradle of Birding" Festival on September 19, 2009. Prizes will be announced at the award ceremony at 1pm in the auditorium.

Entries may be dropped off at the refuge visitor center between 8:30am-3:45pm or mailed to the refuge at 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19153, **Attention: Photo Contest**. Mailed submissions will only be returned if a pre-stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed. Make checks payable to "FOHR Tinicum". Late, damaged or previous winning photographs will not be accepted. All cash prizes must be claimed at the refuge by October 30, 2009. **Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 10 at 3:30pm for ALL entries including those mailed or sent via other couriers.**

Proceeds will benefit FOHR for refuge projects. FOHR is a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501 (c)(3) association founded in 1997 to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in carrying out its educational, interpretive, and public use missions.

Attach this form (or a copy) to the back of each print submitted. Do not staple. Please print.

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

Image Title:_____

Species (if possible):_____

Age (Children & teens):_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Fee enclosed: $_____(Teens & adults)

*******See reverse side for important submission details*******

Rules, Categories, Entry Fees, and Prizes

Only color and black and white **PRINTS**, including unaltered prints from digital files, will be accepted. Judges may reject any print that shows evidence of extreme manipulation. All images should have a title. **All teen and adult submissions must be mounted and matted and should be 8x10 or 8.5x11" with 11x14 mats. Children's photos may be from 4x6 to 8.5x11 inches and must be mounted. Larger sized images will not be accepted. No framed images will be accepted.** Images will be judged for technique, interest and composition. The decision of the judges is final. If possible, species identification is preferred of any plants, and/or animals depicted in the images.

1) Ages 12 and younger – no entry fee
Submissions-**4x6 inch to 8.5x11 inch (max. size) Must be mounted.**
1st prize-$25.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop
2nd prize-$15.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop
3rd prize-$10.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

2) Ages 13 – 18 Entry Fee-$3.00 per print
Submissions-**8x10 or 8.5x11 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**
1st prize-$75.00
2nd prize-$50.00
3rd prize-$25.00

3) Adults – Entry Fee-$5.00 per print
Submissions-**8x10 or 8.5x11 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**
1st prize-$100.00
2nd prize-$50.00
3rd prize-$25.00

There will be 2 honorable mention ribbons given in each of the age categories. There is a limit of 3 entries per person.

All winning photographs will be displayed at the Refuge. Submission of a photograph represents consent to the FOHR Photo Group to display and use photograph, and consent to use the photographer's name and likeness for publicity purposes in newsletters, news releases, and publications. The image must be an original work of the entrant. The photographer retains all rights to their images. At least one image representing each entrant will be displayed for sometime after the awards ceremony. All Photographs not claimed by October 30, 2009 become the property of the FOHR Photo Group.

Employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Heinz Refuge (FOHR), and other volunteers are neither liable for injuries to any person nor responsible for any damage or loss of property. Utmost care will be taken with entries, however, the FOHR Photo Group is not responsible for damage or loss.

Questions? Call (215) 365-3118. John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA.