

# FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAH COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGES FIRST ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST 2012 - OFFICIAL RULES

Enter to win gift certificates or a single cash prize. **Deadline for entries is December 1, 2012.**

A judging panel will pick 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for separate youth and adult divisions in each of the following categories. An overall winner will be chosen for a total of nineteen prizes awarded.

<b>Refuge Wildlife</b>	Indigenous animals in their natural habitat
<b>Landscapes and Waterscapes</b>	Beautiful scenery and stunning vistas
<b>People in Nature</b>	Individuals or groups actively enjoying any of the accessible refuges within the Savannah NWR complex

Each photo submitted must have been taken within the Savannah NWR Complex which includes Savannah NWR, Pinckney Island NWR, Wassaw Island NWR, Harris Neck NWR and Blackbeard Island NWR within the past two years (October 2010 to present) by the person who enters it in the contest. *REMINDER—Tybee Island NWR and Wolf Island NWR are restricted areas. Images which violate US Fish & Wildlife Service regulations are not admissible (see [fws.gov/savannah/regulations.html](http://fws.gov/savannah/regulations.html))* Entries which depict unnatural exaggeration or manipulation are discouraged.

There will be a one-time entry fee of \$5 for anyone born after December 1<sup>st</sup> 1996 and \$15 for adults. Adults automatically receive an individual membership in Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges. Photographers are limited to no more than one photo in each category for a total of three photos. Checks should be made payable to FSCWR. Winners will be announced on the Friends website: [coastalrefuges.org](http://coastalrefuges.org) and notified by phone or e-mail. Judges' decisions are final.

FORMAT for photographs: minimum size 5" x 7" and maximum size 11" x 14" oriented portrait or landscape. MOUNT each photograph separately on black or white foam board, or mat board, with a minimum 2" margin on each side. Entrants under the age of 18 as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 must include a signed release from a parent or legal guardian. Photographs depicting models or groups must be accompanied by a Model Release Form. (attached). Secure entry form and model release (if applicable) to the back of each matted photograph. **Matted prints only. No frames please.**

Mail or deliver entries with subject line "FSCWR Photo Contest" to the Savannah NWR Visitor Center located at 694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville, SC (delivery directions: HWY 17, 7 miles North of Savannah, GA). **Please do NOT send photos by e-mail.** The photographer is solely responsible for damages incurred during delivery.

Entrant's signature constitutes a release to the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges and/or Savannah NWR Complex for the right to use, reproduce, publish, and/or display photograph(s) without further compensation. The original slide, negative or digital file may be requested. Scans of entries may be posted on the Friends Group website or printed in the newsletter. **There will be no accommodations for the private sale of any print(s) prior to judging.**

PRIZES will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries for each category in the two divisions. Prizes consist of gift certificates redeemable for merchandise at **The Gator Hole** gift shop located at the Savannah NWR Visitor Center. In addition, a cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the overall winner. Beginning Refuge Week (October 14 thru 20) submissions will be randomly displayed at the Visitor Center up until the deadline of the contest. Winning entries will be announced December 8, 2012 whereupon the eighteen chosen photographs will be on exhibit until a date which is yet to be determined. Non-winning entries can be collected after December 8. **The winning prints will be considered donations and thus used to support the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges and/or Savannah NWR Complex activities.**

*The Small Print:* Void where prohibited. Contest is open to legal residents of the United States and the District of Columbia. All federal, state, and local laws apply. Each entrant warrants the originality of each entry submitted by the entrant and warrants that the entrant owns all rights to each such entry. Submission of an entry form and photograph is evidence of entrant's agreement with and acceptance of these rules and regulations. Contestants will be responsible for obtaining and submitting to the FSCWR releases of all identifiable persons appearing in photographs. The FSCWR and the Savannah NWR Complex are not responsible for lost or damaged entries. **Non-winning entries not picked up by Dec. 29, 2012 will be discarded.**

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**ENTRY FORM**

**EACH** entry must have this form firmly attached to the back of the mounted photo.  
All entries must be **RECEIVED** by the FSCWR by: **December 1, 2012.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO CATEGORIES (check all that apply and separate descriptions by number):

1. REFUGE WILDLIFE \_\_\_\_\_ 2. LANDSCAPES/WATERSCAPES \_\_\_\_\_ 3. PEOPLE IN NATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE AND WHEN WAS(/WERE) PHOTO(S) TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I AM A/AN: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH (born after December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996) \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT

**I HAVE READ AND I AGREE TO THE CONTEST RULES.**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRANTS AGED 18 OR YOUNGER** (as of December 1st, 2012) **MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING PORTION COMPLETED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:**

I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of entrant)

I have read and agree to the contest rules, and his/her entry is with my permission.

Name of parent/legal guardian. (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_

(evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**MODEL RELEASE**

I hereby grant to the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges, its affiliates and licensees, the following irrevocable rights: to use and re-use my name and photographic likeness in all form and media, to publish and re-publish the photograph(s), in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with printed matter or in composite form, and in any medium, for editorial, promotional, and/or trade purposes, and any other lawful purposes.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve any copy that is used in conjunction with the photograph and release and discharge the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge Complex, its affiliates and licensees, from any and all claims arising out of use of the photograph for the purposes described above, including any claims for libel or breach of copyright.

I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If MODEL is under 18:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above. I have read this release and approve of its terms.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges reserve the right to decide which category best suits each entry.

Let us know if you are presently a member of any of the following:

(Does not affect your entry – we're just curious)

\_\_\_\_\_ FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAH COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGES (individual or family?–circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ HILTON HEAD ISLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY

\_\_\_\_\_ SAVANNAH-OGEECHEE AUDUBON SOCIETY

\_\_\_\_\_ SKIDAWAY AUDUBON