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Photo Contest Celebrates Lake Havasu National Wildlife Refuge Complex 75th Anniversary

The Lake Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge and their Friends Group invite all to participate in a Nature Photography Contest. The two western Arizona refuges (jointly, the Lake Havasu National Wildlife Refuge Complex) are holding the contest as part of the Refuges' 75th Anniversary on January 22, 2016. Previous visitors are encouraged to select their best photos and those that haven't yet visited still have time to snap shots.

The photo contest is open to both amateurs and professionals and is free of charge. Photos may feature animals in their natural habitat, plant life, scenic views, and visitors using the refuges for recreational purposes (fishing, hunting, wildlife observation, photography, etc.) and must have been taken on one of the refuges within the last two years. There is a limit of one submission per category per person.

Submitted photos will be divided into two age groups: Student (17 years or younger) and Adult (18 or over). Photo submissions will be accepted until January 6, 2016. Winners will be announced at a reception for the photographers and the general public at the Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, January 23, 2016. First, Second, and Third Place winners in each of the four categories for both age groups will be decided by a panel of judges.

Submitted photographs will be on display at the Environmental Education Center at Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge from January 18th to January 23rd. During this time, visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite photo. The "People's Choice" will be announced at the reception.

Official rules and information can be found at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/bill_williams_river/ or by contacting the Bill Williams River NWR at (928) 667-4144.

Help us celebrate the beauty of these two National Wildlife Refuges by sharing your photographs.

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Note to Editors: Photo support of the refuges is available by contacting Catherine Bell.