



First Annual Photography Contest

sponsored by

Friends of Neal Smith NWR



Have you taken some great photos while enjoying the Refuge? Enter them in our first ever Photo Contest! To celebrate the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge and the beauty of nature, the Refuge invites all photographers to enter the **First Annual Photography Contest**.

All photos must have been taken at the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge.

Categories include:

Wildlife

Public Use/Recreation

Landscapes

Plants

Special Assignment 2016: Pollinators

Youth (Age 18 and under)

- **All entries are due by August 1, 2016.**
- All photographers are eligible to participate.
- Participants may enter either color or monochrome prints.
- There is a limit of FIVE entries per person, with a maximum of two entries in any one category. Minimum print size is 8" x 10" and maximum print size is 11" x 14".
- **A digital copy with the highest resolution possible must be submitted to Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov along with the printed images.**
- All prints must be spray mounted or glued securely on a single-layer mat board or foam core board with a maximum mount size of 11" x 14".
- No photos will be accepted that have over-mats, double mats, frames, glass, plastic or signatures or writing on the front of the image.
- All entries will be judged in August with the winners' photos printed on a calendar. The calendar will be sold in the Prairie Point Bookstore. Proceeds will go to the Friends of Neal Smith NWR.
- All entries will be on display in the J.N. "Ding" Darling Art Gallery at the Refuge in November and December, 2016. There will be a reception for all photographer with details to follow.
- A signed entry/permission form must be attached with tape or glue to the back of the entries.
- While extreme care will be taken in handling of each entry, the Refuge or the Friends of Neal Smith NWR will not be responsible for any damage.
- All entries will be retained by the Refuge for use in its digital photo library and may be used for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, publications, web pages and presentations.

Please mail your entries to: Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Photo Contest
PO Box 399
9981 Pacific Street
Prairie City IA 50228

Entries must be postmarked by August 1, 2016.

You may also drop them off in person, Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from Noon to 5:00 p.m. on or by August 1.

If you have any questions about the contest, please call Doreen Van Ryswyk 515/994-3400 or email Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov.

2016 Neal Smith NWR Entry Form

Title of Photo: _____

Print Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle Category Entered: **Wildlife** **Public Use/Recreation** **Landscapes** **Plants**

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