



2016 Photo Contest

Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge

You're invited to participate!

This FREE contest is to encourage you to enjoy nature and share the beauty, value, and uniqueness of Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

****Entry Deadline****

Entries must arrive at the office by 4:00 pm
Friday, September 2, 2016

CATEGORIES

Wildlife*

Plants/Fungi*

Landscape and Scenic (Must be taken at Squaw Creek NWR)

People in Nature (People engaged in outdoor activities at Squaw Creek NWR)

Youth (Youth photographers are age 17 years & under as of September 2, 2016)

Professional (Any age who earns more than ½ of their annual income from photography).

*Photographs entered in the Wildlife and Plants/Fungi categories must contain flora or fauna that is indigenous to Squaw Creek NWR, regardless of where the photo was taken.

During September and October all entries will be displayed in the auditorium and on the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge's Facebook page, where visitors can vote for their favorites.

RECOGNITION

Winning photos will be displayed throughout the year at the Squaw Creek NWR Visitor Contact Station and other public locations. Best of Show, Alternate Best of Show, and the First and Second Place winners in each category will receive a certificate of recognition or a ribbon.

Directions to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge: Take Interstate 29 to Exit 79 south of Mound City, Missouri then travel south 2 ½ miles on U.S. Highway 159.

Website: www.fws.gov/refuge/squaw_creek/visit/visitor_activities/photo_contest.html

For more information, please call (660) 442-3187.

CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

Photo Entries

- Photographers can submit up to five photo entries of their own original work in one of the following categories:
 1. Wildlife*
 2. Plants/Fungi*
 3. Landscape and Scenic (Must be taken at Squaw Creek NWR)
 4. People in Nature (People engaged in outdoor activities at Squaw Creek NWR)
 5. Youth (Youth photographers are age 17 years & under as of September 2, 2016)
 6. Professional (Any age who earns more than ½ of their annual income from photography).
- Photo entries must fit in an 11" x 14" dimension.

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Photo Submission Contest entries can be sent by mail or hand-delivered. A high resolution electronic copy should be submitted to squawcreek@fws.gov or included with mailed/hand delivered entries. If you are unable to submit an electronic copy of your photo, the photo will be scanned for you by refuge staff. Scanned photos are not always as high quality as photos submitted electronically.

Forms Photographers are responsible for completing and submitting the following forms which are available on our website or at the Squaw Creek Visitor Contact Station.

- Completed and signed Entry Form on the back of the photograph
- FWS Form 3-2259 "Copyright Release Agreement"

The Following is Not Allowed

- Photos may not display the name of the photographer on the front of the photograph.
- Photographs noticeably altered with computer graphics, digital enhancement, etc.
- Photographs that have been matted, framed, or have writing on the front
- Photographs of captive wildlife will not be accepted.

Winners will be announced when judging has concluded. All winning photographs will remain in the care of Friends of Squaw Creek and Squaw Creek NWR until August 2017. If you wish to have your photographs returned to you, place a self-addressed stamped envelope with the entries submitted. If participants do not pick up their photographs after August 2017, the photographs will be disposed of.

Liability Upon entry of photo contest, participants acknowledge that neither Friends of Squaw Creek, Squaw Creek NWR, nor any sponsors of the contest are responsible for any lost or damaged photographs, or liable for copyright or other legal disputes that may arise from this competition. All entrants agree to allow Friends of Squaw Creek and Squaw Creek NWR rights to publish winning photos in future promotional publications without compensation.

Hand delivered entries will be accepted during normal hours:
Monday – Friday (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), except for Federal holidays.
Squaw Creek NWR Visitor Center phone number is: (660) 442-3187

Mail or hand deliver entries to: **Squaw Creek NWR**
C/O Photo Contest
25542 US-159
Forest City, MO 64451

Website: www.fws.gov/refuge/squaw_creek/visit/visitor_activities/photo_contest.html

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