

Friends of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

2016 Wildlife Awaits Photography Competition

Photographers are invited to submit entries to the 2016 Friends of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Photography Competition.

THEME: Regional wildlife and/or nature scenes. Your work, whether it depicts wildlife or a nature scene must be representative of what you would find when visiting the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge. **An entrant must hold all rights to a photograph.** Photographs previously published - or pending publication - or that violate or infringe upon another person's copyright, are not eligible. Previous Wildlife Awaits Contest winning photographs may not be re-entered. Any first place winning entry in a prior art show (such as Friends of the Refuge Show, Photo Showcase, LBL, Henry County Fair, etc.) will not be accepted.

CATEGORIES: There will be **ADULT** and **YOUTH** (under age 18) categories in each of the following, printed on 8x10 photographic paper: (no mat, no frame).

1. Birds: birds that can be found in their natural state on the refuge. (No caged birds)
2. Connecting People with Nature: Photographs showing individuals enjoying the refuge. A model release is needed for photographs showing recognizable individuals and/or minors.
3. Scenic's: Any scenic view of the refuge including plant life.
4. Wildlife: Wildlife would include any animals that would be seen in the wild on the refuge. No photos of domestic animals. NO captive animal photos allowed.
5. Natures' Wonders: In this category, you will find any scene that would not fit in the first four.

Artist will be limited to **THREE entries per category**. Works must be original to the artist. No copies of published or copyrighted photographs will be accepted. Size of entries is limited to an 8x10 photographic print.

Manipulation of images, either film or digital, should be limited to conventional darkroom techniques or basic sharpening, cropping and removal of dust spots. Images should contain only the subject matter as originally seen through the viewfinder.

ADULT CATEGORY RULES: Each photograph should have the photographer's name, address, phone number, email, title and category on the back. In addition to the unframed photograph, a digital file of jpeg format of the submitted photo, 300 dpi (2400x3000) or larger is required. **No I.D.** is to be placed on the front of the photograph. Violation of this clause may result in disqualification. If multiple photos are submitted, they may all be placed on the same CD. **A photo will not be considered without the digital file.** CD's must be labeled with the photographers' name and contact information.

YOUTH CATEGORY RULES: Submit your 8x10's labeled with photographer name, address, phone, email, title and category information on back. Youth are **NOT** required to submit a digital file.

Photographs entered containing recognizable adults/children must be accompanied by a model release.

FEES: \$ 20 for up to 15 entries (up to 3 per category)

There is no charge for Youth

JUDGING: Works in each division/category will be judged and the decision of the judges will be final. Cash prizes will be awarded in the Adult categories and ribbons will be awarded to Youth.

PRIZES: \$50 (1st Place) \$30 (2nd Place) \$20 (3rd Place) Best of Show: \$100

Winning Photos will be displayed for one year in the new building as well as on social media

**Entries will be received from August 1, 2016 thru September 15, 2016
by mail or personal delivery to:**

**1371 Wildlife Dr., Springville, TN 38256
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon. - Sat.**

Winners will be announced at a special recognition ceremony at:

**Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge
1371 Wildlife Drive - Springville, TN
October 8, 2016
11:00 a.m.**

By entering the TN Natl. Wildlife Photographic Competition, entrants agree to grant the right to Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge the right to display their photographs. Exhibition of entries will include photographer credit. Photographers retain ownership of all copyrights, however, by submitting an image for entry in this competition, photographers automatically shall and hereby do give non-exclusive, not-transferable, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable license without charge to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to reproduce and display the images in any electronic, optical, physical or other medium, to modify its size and resolution, and to use your name as photographer, indefinitely in any media without notification or further compensation.

I have read the above and agree:

Date: _____

Signature:

Members of the TNWR Friends Board of Directors are not permitted to enter this competition.

A separate signed form must be submitted for **EACH** entry. The photograph should be placed in an envelope accompanied with the entry form and CD. **Do not staple.**

Category: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number you may be reached at: _____