News Release

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

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Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest

Calling all amateur photographers!   We're seeking amazing photos of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge that highlight the best of the scenic landscapes, precious wildlife and small wonders that we all cherish.   We would like to see the refuge through your eyes. Here is your chance to share pictures that captures the essence of our island.   All you have to do is enter the first ever Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest!   Starting September 1st, you can submit a photo that you have taken on the refuge during the past two years between September 2012 and September 2014. Please don't submit photos featuring the Assateague Lighthouse because it is featured on this year's pass. The entry deadline will be close of business on September 26, 2014.

Starting October 1st, all entries will be posted on Chincoteague Natural History Association's Facebook page.   Anyone can select their favorite entry by "liking" the image. Voting will begin on October 1 and run through October 15, 2014.   The entry that receives the highest number of "likes" wins!   If your photo is the lucky winner it will be featured on the front of the 2015 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass!   The winner will be announced on October 17, 2014.

Are you ready to get started?   Grab your cameras, visit the refuge and start capturing memories!   You can also head to our website for more information: www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague. We are excited about sharing your experience!

Entry Due Date: September 26, 2014

Entries will be posted for voting *(on the Chincoteague Natural History Association Facebook Page)*: October 1, 2014

Votes will be accepted: October 1, 2014 - October 15, 2014

Winner will be announced: October 17, 2014

Photo Guidelines

- Photos must feature one of the following:
    - ✓ Wildlife
    - ✓ Small Wonders: (flowers, insects, butterflies, spiders and other small plants and animals)
    - ✓ Landscape (Beautiful scenery and stunning vistas)
- Each photo submitted must have been taken on the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge between, September 2012 and September 2014 by the person who enters the contest.
- Cropping is allowed but any color modifications or adding elements not existing in the original image will not be accepted.
- Photo must be in JPEG format. Try to ensure that the photo is 3 mb or larger with high resolution (300 dpi) as the winning photos must work in print.
- Only 1 entry per photographer.
- Photographers must be the sole owner of the copyright of photograph submitted.
- Photo must not infringe any other person's or entity's rights.
- All rules and regulations of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge must be followed when taking photographs.
- Photograph depicting anything that does not adhere to the rules and regulations of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, contain unsafe acts, present resource or public use management concerns or photographs that are inappropriate, indecent or obscene, as determined by Sponsors in their sole discretions, shall be disqualified.

How to enter

- Entries must be submitted by the original creator.
- A high resolution digital copy of your entry can be emailed to susan_fair@fws.gov or submitted on a disk to:
  Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
  PO Box 62
  Chincoteague, VA 23336
  Attn: Annual Pass Photo Contest
- An entry form (below) must be submitted with your photo. All fields on the entry form must be completed. Incomplete entries will not be accepted and will be automatically rejected.

Who is eligible

- Legal residents of the United States, DC and US Territories.
- Amateur Photographers (less than 20% of your total income is from photography).

Who is ineligible

- Employees of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Assateague National Seashore, Chincoteague Natural History Association and representatives of the participating agencies and sponsors and their immediate family members are not eligible to win.
- Individuals who derive 20% or more of their income from photography.

Note: All submitted photos will become the property of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The photographer grants unlimited use of submitted photographs by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Chincoteague Natural History Association for publications, displays, web pages, presentations and promotional products. Credit will always be given to the photographer. The photographer retains the copyright to their photo. The winning photo will be featured on the 2015 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass.

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
Annual Pass Photo Contest
Entry Form

Photographer's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Photo: _____

Date taken: _____

Are you under 18:   Y / N (if yes see below)

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

I am the parent/legal guardian of (name of entrant):
_____

I have read and agree to the contestant rules, and his/her entry is with my permission
Name of parent/legal guardian (Please Print)
_____

Telephone (Day): _____   (Evening):
_____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____   Date:
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AUTHENTICITY AND LIABILITY STATEMENT

DO NOT SIGN ENTRY FORM WITHOUT READING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT

I hereby certify that this is my original photograph that has not been altered other than what is stipulated in the photo guidelines listed above and is **not copied from published photos or other materials copied by copyright laws.** I grant exclusive rights to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its

designees to use, alter, copy, publish, and display my photograph for reproduction and promotional purposes as they see fit without compensation to me. I further understand that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the exclusive right to disqualify any entry whose authenticity is questionable.

Signature of Photographer_____   Date _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if under 18) _____   Date _____

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM MUST BE PROVIDED