



2015 St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Photo Contest



All entries must be **RECEIVED** by the St. Marks Refuge/Photo Club by: **January 17, 2016**.
Judges will pick winners in the following categories:

- Landscape (Beautiful scenery and stunning vistas)
- Small Wonders (Wildflowers, mushrooms, butterflies, spiders and other small plants and insects.)
- Wildlife (All the creatures not in either of the previous categories)

Each photo submitted must have been taken on or of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in the past year by the person who enters it in the contest. There will be a \$10 entry fee for up to 3 photos (no entry fee for Young Nature Photographers 17 and under). Make checks payable to St Marks Refuge Association. Judges reserve the right to combine or subdivide categories, and judges will decide which category best suits each entry. Judges' decisions are final. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail.

FORMAT: **Prints only**

Entries - must be 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" photographic prints mounted on black or white foam core or mat board with completed entry form and model release (if necessary) attached to the back. **NO FRAMES PLEASE!** Prints must not be titled, signed or have any visible markings or watermarks which may identify the photographer. Please do not submit entries that are incorrectly sized or do not follow the requested format. Contest officials reserve the right to disqualify these entries.

All prints submitted will be considered donations to the St. Marks NWR /Photo Club and will be sold to help support the Education and other Refuge activities.

Mail entries to: 2015 Photo Contest, St. Marks NWR Photo Contest, PO Box 368, St. Marks, FL 32355, or deliver photos to the Visitor Center at the Refuge. **Do not send photos by e-mail.**

Entrant's signature constitutes a release to the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, St. Marks NWR Photo Club for the right to use, reproduce, publish, and/or display the photographs without further compensation. The original slide, negative or digital file may be requested. Scans of entries may be posted on the St. Marks NWR website or on the St. Marks Refuge Association at low resolution.

PRIZES will be awarded in each category and will include gift certificates redeemable for merchandise at the gift shop located at the St. Marks NWR Visitor Center. Best of Show photo will be selected for annual Entrance Pass. Only one prize per photographer will be given in a single category.

The Small Print: Void where prohibited. Contest is open to legal residents of the United States and the District of Columbia. All federal, state, and local laws apply. Each entrant warrants the originality of each entry submitted by the entrant and warrants that the entrant owns all rights to each such entry. Submission of an entry form and photograph is evidence of entrant's agreement with and acceptance of these rules and regulations. Contestants will be responsible for obtaining and submitting to the St Marks NWR releases of all identifiable persons appearing in photographs. The St. Marks Refuge NWR / or St. Marks Photo Club are not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

ENTRY FORM

ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 2015 PHOTO CONTEST

EACH entry must have this form firmly attached to the back of the mounted photo. All entries must be RECEIVED by **January 17, 2016**.

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHOTO TITLE: _____

PHOTO CATEGORIES (May check more than one category):

WILDLIFE _____ LANDSCAPE _____ SMALL WONDERS _____

WHERE AND WHEN WAS PHOTO TAKEN: _____

I AM:

_____ AMATEUR _____ PROFESSIONAL (You derive 5% or more of your annual income from taking photographs)

_____ U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE EMPLOYEE OR SMRA BOARD MEMBER (You are welcome to enter but are not eligible for prizes)

_____ MEMBER OF THE ST. MARKS REFUGE ASSOCIATION (Does not affect your entry – we're just curious)

_____ MEMBER OF THE ST. MARKS NWR PHOTO CLUB (Does not affect your entry – we're just curious)

I HAVE READ AND I AGREE TO THE CONTEST RULES.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

IF ENTRANT IS 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 contest rules, and his/her entry is with my permission.

Name of parent/legal guardian (Please Print)

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Signature _____ Date _____



MODEL RELEASE



I hereby grant to the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, its affiliates and licensees, the following irrevocable rights: to use and re-use my name and photographic likeness in all form and media, to publish and re-publish the photograph(s), in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with printed matter or in composite form, and in any medium, for editorial, promotional, and/or trade purposes, and any other lawful purposes.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve any copy that is used in conjunction with the photograph and release and discharge the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, its affiliates and licensees, from any and all claims arising out of use of the photograph for the purposes described above, including any claims for libel or breach of copyright.

I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If Model is under 18:

I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above. I have read this release and approve of its terms.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

School/Group: _____