



## 2012 Wild and Beautiful Photography Contest

### Official Contest Rules

**ENTRIES THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

All photographs must be taken within the boundaries the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.



All refuge regulations apply.

All entries must be RECEIVED by the Great Dismal Swamp Coalition by: April 1, 2013. Entries may be mailed or hand delivered to the refuge headquarters at 3100 Desert Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

All photographers, whether amateur or professional, are eligible to enter. Submitted entries must be the original work of the photographer, and the photographer must own the copyright to the image. The photographer retains the copyright of the submitted images but must agree to allow the Refuge to use and publish the submitted entries without further compensation to the copyright holder.

There is a \$5 entry fee for each photograph. There will be no entry fee for Students under 18 years of age. Make checks or money orders payable to Great Dismal Swamp Coalition. Please do not mail cash.

Judges will pick winners in the following categories:

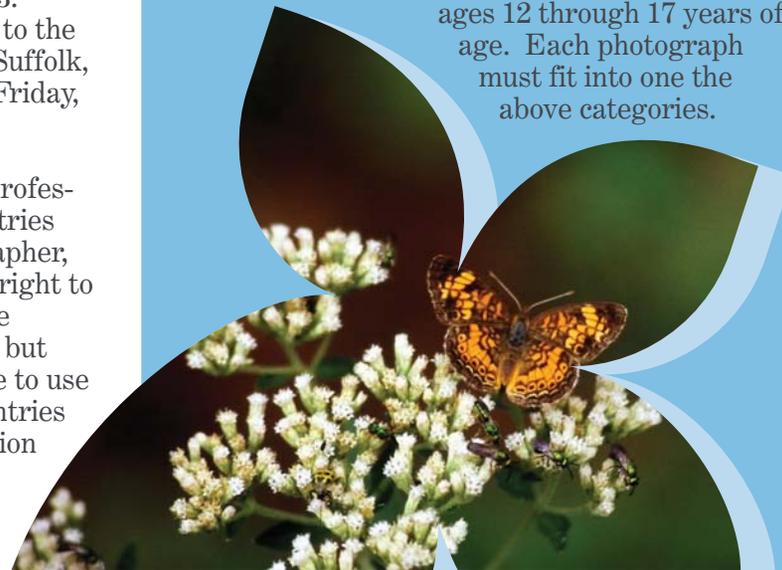
Wildlife- Animals in their natural habitat.

Flora – Flowers, trees, and vines, and shrubs in their natural habitat.

Landscape - Expansive and dramatic views of the land and its features.

Junior Student – Any entry of up to 3 photographs by photographer through 12 years of age. Each photograph must fit into one the above categories.

Senior Student - Any entry of up to 3 photographs by photographer ages 12 through 17 years of age. Each photograph must fit into one the above categories.



Adult entries must include both:

A black-and-white or color print, no larger than 12" x 16", matted in white. The total dimensions (i.e. the photograph plus the matte) cannot exceed 16" x 20." The entry form is to be attached to the back, and

a high resolution JPEG or TIFF image, measuring at least 2000 pixels on the longest side, burned on a CD or DVD, labeled with photographers name, phone number, and e-mail address.

Student entries must be:

Either black and white or color prints, 4" x 6" or 5" x 7", mounted on 8" x 10" white card stock or mat board with the entry form attached to the back.

The original slide, negative or digital file may be requested.



Photographs containing images of people will not be accepted.

NOTE: Please use adequate adhesive. It is strongly suggested that all prints be mounted to the matte board (not inserted or taped). There is a mounting spray available in art- or photographic-supply stores. Peel and stick mattes are another option. Proper mounting will preserve, protect, and better present your photograph.

A panel of three judges, including a professional photographer, will select the winners. Awards will be given to the First, Second, and Third Place winners in each adult category and to the student winners. In addition, a \$50 prize will be awarded to the "Best in Show."

A reception will be held to announce the winners at a time and date prior to the 2013 Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival. Winning entries will be on public display during the Festival. Entries must be PICKED UP by May 31, 2013. If you are unable to pick up your entry by the required date, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission. Entries not picked up by July 1, 2013, will become the property of the Great Dismal Swamp Coalition.

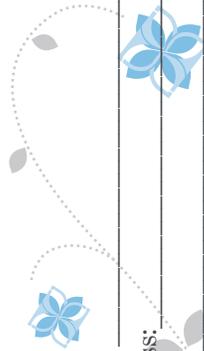
The Great Dismal Swamp Coalition assumes no liability for entries lost or damaged during the exhibit.



### Contest Entry Form

Attach to the back of each entry.  
Please print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



I understand and agree to the contest rules and conditions and certify that these photographs were produced by me.

Category \_\_\_\_\_ Photo Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For student entries the parent or legal guardian must complete the following: I have read the contest rules and his/her participation is with my permission.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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