



2012-2013 Wild & Beautiful Photography Contest

Official Contest Rules

Photographs must be taken within the boundaries of the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

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.

Photographs containing images of people will not be accepted.

All refuge regulations apply.

Entries that do not comply with the contest rules or refuge regulations will be disqualified.

Subject Categories

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.

Divisions, Entry Requirements, and Fees

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.

Both Junior and Senior Student entries must include:

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.

There are no entry fees for Students under 18 years of age.



Adult – Any entry by photographer age 18 years and older. Entries must include:

1) 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 mat) cannot exceed 16" x 20." The entry form attached to the back.

2) 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.

3) A \$5 entry fee for each photograph submitted by a photographer, age 18 years and older.

Entry Deadline

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.

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



A panel of three judges 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 on April 25, 2013, opening day of 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 _____ Division _____ 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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