



St. Marks NWR 2015 Nature Photography Contest For Youth



All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on May 23, 2015. *Photos do not have to be taken on the refuge.* Judges will pick winners in the following categories:

- Best Wildlife
- Best Nature-scape: (beautiful scenery or stunning vistas, optional people, buildings, etc.)
- Best Small Wonders: wild flowers, insects, spiders and other small plants and animals.

Judges reserve the right to combine or subdivide categories, and judges may decide which category best suits each entry. Judges' decisions are final. Entrants must be no older than 17 years of age. Entrants will be divided into two groups, 3-10 years of age, and 11-17 years of age. Winners will be notified by phone, mail or e-mail.

FORMAT: Prints only. No frames please. All photos must be 4" x 6" or 5" x 7". Prints should be mounted on 8 ½" x 11" black or white poster board or card stock with the completed entry form attached to the back. *Do not mount it on larger paper as it will not fit into protective sleeves for display! Entries that do not follow the requirements will not be judged.*

To submit an entry into the contest, the youth photographers must submit an entry form signed by a parent or guardian. Any photo entered that has a person in it must include a model release for that person.

Mail entries to: St. Marks NWR 2015 Photo Contest, P.O. Box 68, St Marks FL 32355.

Or deliver photos to the Visitors Center 1255 Lighthouse Rd, St. Marks FL 32355.

Entries will not be accepted by e-mail.

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

PRIZES will be awarded in each age group and category. There will be only one prize per photographer in a single category.

You will be notified when to pick up your prints or you may wish to donate them to the SMRPC. Donated prints will be up for sale or possible auction with proceeds going into the Photo Club's education or photography fund.

The Small Print: Void where prohibited. Contest is open to legal residents of the United States and the District of Columbia ages 3-17. All federal, state, and local laws apply. Each entrant warrants the originality of each entry submitted by him/her and warrants that he/she owns all rights in each such entry. Submission of an entry form or 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 Photo Club, releases of all identifiable persons appearing in photographs, if requested. The St. Marks Refuge and SMRPC are not responsible for lost or damaged entries.