

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week™ Photography Contest

### Rules and Regulations

May 9-13, 2017

---

The goal of the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest is to encourage the enjoyment of the beauty of nature and to share the experience through photography.

1. Photographs must be original work of exhibitor and cannot feature pets or people. Entries cannot be posed portraits or studio photographs.
2. Your photograph entry must be submitted according to the following instruction:
  - a. All photographs must be mounted on foam core or 4-ply mounting board. *A finished entry size (including mounting board) must be a minimum of 8-inches (in any direction) and a maximum of 20-inches (in any direction). Entries may be flush mounted or matted. Alternative printing methods are allowed, such as metal prints, but all alternative printing methods must meet the same criteria as traditional print entries (size, etc.).*
  - b. Photographs must be mounted and ready to hang for exhibition. Before submitting, affix an adequate amount of Velcro™ tape (hook/rough side) to the back of each entry for hanging. If you are unsure of which is the hook side (rough), please bring both sides and it will be affixed onsite.
  - c. Shrink-wrap covers, glass or other covers, frames, metal hooks and metal clips may NOT be used.
  - d. Entrants are advised that a ½ inch round sticker with entry # will be affixed to the lower right corner of photo.
  - e. Place Part Two of Entry Form on back side of entry in upper left hand corner to denote Top/Up side of entry.
  - f. An entry form should be completed for each individual photo. Please cut and affix the appropriate portion of the form to the back of the entry and bring the remaining portion with you when entering your photo.
  - g. Personal identification of any type is not allowed on the front of the entry photo or matting. This includes, but is not limited to, a quote, title, photographer's name, etc.
  - h. Entries may be mailed for entry into contest. Please address mailed entries as follows: Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events, ATTN: WWW Photo Contest, P.O. Box 1390, Pigeon Forge, TN 37868. If you are not picking up your entries at the end of event, include return postage and label inside of your package for return. If mailed entries do not have return postage or return address, they will not be mailed. Please note all mailed entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 28, 2017.
3. **While all due care will be given to prevent damage or loss of any entry, the City of Pigeon Forge, its agents, elected officials, employees, and volunteers can assume no liability for such damage or loss that may occur as a result of entering the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest. By entering this contest, you waive any claims to such damage or loss.**
4. With the exception of the Youth & Young Adults Division, no individual may enter more than one photograph per division, with a limit of five total entries. Entrants in the Amateur Division are not permitted to compete in the Professional Division and entrants in the Professional Division are not permitted to compete in the Amateur Division.
5. Photographs entered at any level in past Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contests are not eligible for reentry.
6. Entry Acceptance and Judging:
  - a. Decisions of the panel of judges will be final. Entries will be judged on theme, artistic merit, presentation, and technique. This includes, but is not limited to subject relativity to the division and overall theme of the contest, frame of the shot, horizon line, point of focus, presentation (flush or matted – and choices thereof), sharpness, resolution, and coloration of the image.

- b. The City of Pigeon Forge reserves the right to reject any entry, including those that fail to follow the contest rules and theme, or any entry whose subject matter may be deemed by contest officials to be unsuitable for exhibition in a family environment.
  - c. Entries will be placed in the division designated by the entrant and will be judged on the basis of that category.
  - d. Acceptance for display does not necessarily imply acceptance for judging.
7. **Once first, second and third place are selected by the judges for all divisions, the judges will then select Judges' Choice (Best of Show) from among the first place winners.** Contest photographs have to remain on display for the duration of the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest and must be picked up between 6 PM and 7 PM on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the upper entrance to LeConte Hall North. Entries not picked up **WILL NOT** be mailed to owners unless return postage and packaging is provided. All unclaimed entries will be removed from the event site at 7:30 PM on May 13, 2017, and stored at the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events for three (3) months. Entries may be picked up during regular business hours. If entries are not picked up by Monday, August 14, 2017, they become property of the City of Pigeon Forge and its affiliates.

### **Awards per Division**

**First Place: \$100 + Ribbon**

**Second Place: \$50 + Ribbon**

**Third Place: \$25 + Ribbon**

One (1) **Judges' Choice Ribbon** and **\$150** will be awarded to one first place winner by the judges based on the best exhibition of quality, as well as the spirit of wilderness and wildlife as defined in the Wilderness Wildlife Week Mission Statement. All first place winners in all divisions are eligible. The photograph awarded this honor will be included in the 2018 Wilderness Wildlife Week Program Guide along with the winner's name and title of the photo. Electronic copy of image must be presented to the City once the contest and judging are complete. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of this honor.

From all divisions, one (1) **Viewers' Choice Ribbon** will be awarded based on popular vote. Please note this is not a cash prize.

### **Entry Dates / Physical Drop-off Locations / Judging**

#### **Early Entry: May 4-5, 2017**

9 AM – 1 PM at the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events – Stoplight #5 – Pigeon Forge, TN

#### **Early Entry: May 8, 2017**

11 AM – 3 PM at LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge – 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN

#### **Final Entry: May 9, 2017**

9 AM – 1 PM at LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge – 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN

***Ribbons will be placed on the winning photographs on Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
(Viewers' Choice will be posted Friday, May 12 at 9 a.m.).***

### **Questions / Information**

If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements, i.e. an appointment outside of the early entry take-in times, please contact Brandon Barnes at the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events at (865) 429-7396, or by email at [bbarnes@cityofpigeonforge.com](mailto:bbarnes@cityofpigeonforge.com).

### Divisions and Criteria

| # | Division  | Who Can Enter?   | Subject  |
|---|---|--|--|
| 1 | <b>Best Youth &amp; Young Adults Image</b>                      | Open to children and young adults <u>ages 17 and younger</u> . May enter up to three different images.   | Any subject related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).   |
| 2 | <b>Best Amateur Image</b>                                       | All ages who <b>DO NOT</b> earn primary income (must be less than 20%) from photography or those who are challenged by technical aspects of photography. | Any subject related to nature wilderness, or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).   |
| 3 | <b>Best Professional Image</b>                                  | All ages who earn <b>20%</b> or more of income from photography or those who <b>ARE NOT</b> challenged by technical aspects of photography.              | Any subject related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).   |
| 4 | <b>Best Landscape or Seascape Image</b>                         | Everyone   | Any broad view image of land or water.   |
| 5 | <b>Best Wildlife Scene</b>                                      | Everyone   | Any wildlife subject (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs).  |
| 6 | <b>Nature's Wonders in Black &amp; White</b>                    | Everyone   | Any subject or scene related to nature, wilderness or wildlife (no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs) in black and white.   |
| 7 | <b>Manmade Landmarks of Great Smoky Mountains National Park</b> | Everyone   | Entry must be of a manmade Great Smoky Mountains National Park landmark (ex. Walker Sisters' Cabin, Oliver Cabin, John Cable Grist Mill, Tyson McCarter Place, Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, etc.). The entry can be from any season (fall, winter, spring or summer). Artistic interpretations of manmade landmarks are welcome. |

# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - ENTRY FORM

Please complete **PARTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2)** of this form for each photograph you wish to enter.

Please be sure you have completely read and that you thoroughly understand the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest **RULES & REGULATIONS** prior to submitting your photograph(s). **REMINDER:** no pet, posed portraits or studio photographs allowed!

**Before submitting your photo, did you remember to:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mount your photograph on foam core or 4-ply mounting board. *A finished entry size must be a minimum of 8-inches (in any direction, including mounting board) and a maximum of 20-inches (in any direction, including mounting board). Entries may be flush mounted or matted.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Affix an adequate amount of Velcro™ tape (hook/rough side) to the back of your entry for hanging.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Affix "PART TWO – UP/TOP" of the entry form to the back of your entry in the upper left corner.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be sure above is in the correct orientation for hanging.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove any personal identification or markings from the front of your entry (photo or matting).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete "PART ONE" of the entry form below to bring with you when submitting your entry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winners are requested to send an email with a JPEG attached of the winning entry (along with name/category/title) to [bbarnes@cityofpigeonforge.com](mailto:bbarnes@cityofpigeonforge.com).

|  |                          |  |   |
|--|--------------------------|--|---|
| Initial at pickup:   | Total number of entries: | <p><b>PART ONE</b></p> <p>Please complete this portion of the form, cut it out, and <b>BRING IT WITH YOU</b> when submitting your photo entry.</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Event Staff:<br/>(Photo ID #)</p> </div> |
| Photographer: _____  | Phone: _____             | Photographer: _____  |   |
| Address: _____ City, ST: _____ Zip: _____  |                          | Phone: _____   |   |
| Division: _____ Title of Photo: _____  |                          | Division: _____  |   |
| Please provide a brief description of the photo:<br>_____  |                          | Title of Photo: _____  |   |
| Including 2017, how many years have you participated in the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest? _____  |                          | Comments about photo (i.e. place it was taken):<br>_____<br>_____  |   |
| By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and have followed the <b>Rules and Regulations</b> of the Wilderness Wildlife Week Photography Contest. |                          |  |   |
| X _____  |                          | Date: _____  |   |