

Lake Metroparks 24th Annual Amateur Photography Contest

CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contest is open to amateur photographers only. A professional is defined as one whose primary source of income (50% or more) results from his/her photographic work.
2. Photographic images must be a minimum of 5 x 7 inches and not exceed 11 x 16 inches.
3. Photographs must be individually matted with a **single white mat - no double matting**. Photos cannot be framed, and the photographer's name cannot appear on the front. **Failure to comply with these rules will cause photos to be disqualified.**
4. A "**Photograph Identification Form**" (attached) must be securely attached to the lower right corner on the back of each entry. Additionally, the contestant's name, address and phone number should be clearly printed directly on the back of each entry. Contestants must submit a completed entry form (attached) with entry fee and photograph(s).
5. Photos will be judged on depiction of category, technical quality, composition, and originality. The judges' decisions are final.
6. Lake Metroparks reserves the right to combine categories in the event of insufficient entries in order to preserve the integrity of the contest. All categories may not necessarily receive sequential awards.
7. All photographs must remain on exhibit at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland, through the conclusion of the exhibit Sunday, July 25, 2010. **Contestants can pick up their entries from the Penitentiary Glen Nature Center July 26 through August 29, 2010, between 9 am and 4:30 pm daily. Lake Metroparks will not be responsible for any photographs not picked up by August 29.**
8. Only work not previously entered in the Lake Metroparks' Annual Amateur Photography Contest will be accepted. **Lake Metroparks reserves the right not to display any photograph which is deemed to be of insufficient quality, not properly mounted, or which does not meet the entry requirements listed above.** Furthermore, Lake Metroparks has the right and authority to reject any photographs that may seem objectionable to participants and/or visitors.
9. Photographers are responsible for securing model releases from any person(s) that appear in his/her photo(s). Any photograph entered in this contest may be used, without charge, in future Lake Metroparks publications or promotions. Photo credit will be given for all photos used.
10. All reasonable caution will be exercised with all photographs; however, Lake Metroparks is not responsible for any damage or loss that may occur. Due to the nature of the show, Velcro will be used in hanging the photographs. Photo title cards will be mounted on the bottom of each photo after the judging has taken place.

QUESTIONS? Call (440) 256-1404 for clarification of rules.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Read all of the contest rules carefully.
2. Type or clearly print the requested information in ink (forms on next page).
3. Secure a "Photograph Identification Form" to the lower right corner on the back of each entry.
4. Submit properly identified photograph(s), completed entry form and entry fee (in exact change) to Lake Metroparks by the entry deadline.