

Celebrating the Nature of Virginia Photography Contest

The Ivy Creek Foundation invites all photographers to enter its second annual 'Celebrating the Nature of Virginia' photography competition to benefit the Foundation's environmental education programming and the continued preservation of the Ivy Creek and Ragged Mountain Natural Areas in Albemarle County, VA. Winners will have their images exhibited in February 2011 at the C&O Gallery in Charlottesville.

Rules

All images must be from Virginia representing native species, landscapes and people interacting with such. Please no farm or captive animals, invasive species or cultural landscapes, such as barns. We are looking for images capturing the essence of the nature of Virginia. A panel of 3 judges will evaluate images on originality, technical rendering and artistic merit.

Entry Fee

Each entrant may enter up to 10 images for \$20. Youth entries 18 or younger are \$10 for 10 images. Make checks or money orders out to Ivy Creek Foundation. The entire entry fee will benefit the Ivy Creek Foundation's educational programming.

Deadline

The deadline for entering is December 31, 2010. Arrangements can be made to drop off your entry at Ivy Creek Natural Area until then (email icf@ivycreekfoundation.org). Mailed entries must be postmarked by December 31st. Winners will be announced in January 2011. First – Third place and Grand Prize winners will be given instructions on preparing images for the showing, to take place in February 2011.

Entries

Only prints or digital images will be accepted. No digitally manipulated images allowed. Images may be digitally developed with traditional ideas in mind. For example cropping, dodging, burning, minor color saturation, contrast or white balance adjustments, touching up dust spots. No adding of any element or erasing of any major element. Digitally stitched panoramas are OK.

Prints must be at least 8" x 10" but no larger than 11" x 14". Panoramic images must be at least 6" on the shortest side but no larger than 8" on the shortest side. Send prints only, no matted or framed images will be accepted. Please put all prints in plastic sleeves to protect them. Label each print clearly on the back with photographers name, phone number and entry number (1-15). Use the entry form to specify category and title for each image.

Digital files are submitted on CD or DVD. Make sure the disk is made compatible to be read in other computers. Files must be no larger than 1100 pixels on the longest side, in RGB color format and saved as a jpeg. Label disk with your full name and phone number. Label each file with the following format: Last name, underscore, first initial, underscore and entry number. For example Martha Smith would label entry number 5 on her disk as:

smith_m_5.jpg

Use the entry form to specify category and title of image.

Send entries and completed entry form to:

Celebrating the Nature of Virginia Photography Contest
Ivy Creek Foundation
PO Box 956
Charlottesville, VA 22902

You may also make arrangements to drop your entry off in person at the Ivy Creek Natural Area, by emailing icf@ivycreekfoundation.org or calling 434-973-7772.

Include a SASE for notification of results and return of images and disks. If you do not want entries back please indicate on entry form and entries will be destroyed at the conclusion of the contest. Or entries can be picked up at Ivy Creek Natural Area in the Education Building in January 2011.

Categories

Only one category per image.

Birds – migratory or year round species seen in Virginia

Mammals – non captive mammalian wildlife native to Virginia, no pets.

Other animals – insects, amphibians, reptiles, etc...

Landscapes – expansive or intimate views of the land, no human elements such as barns.

Plant life – any plant/flowers native to the state. No invasive species.

Art in nature – artistic impressions of nature using colors, textures, lines, ect...

People in nature – images showing people enjoying nature in natural settings

Youth – limited to 18 years old and younger. Images must be labeled youth and then one of the above categories.

Awards

Each category will place 1st – 3rd, with one honorable mention. There will also be a Best in Show overall for both adult and youth for a total of 34 places. All images that place agree to have images posted on the Ivy Creek Foundation website.

The 1st – 3rd winner in each category and the Best in Shows will be displayed in an art show held at a location to be announced in the early fall. (Last year our show was at the Paramount Theatre.) Guidelines for submitting framed images for the show will be provided to winning entrants. Photographers are responsible for providing suitably framed artwork for the show as well as delivery to the show.

Celebrating the Nature of Virginia Entry Form

Visit www.ivycreekfoundation.org for complete rules, award information and entry form.

Name

Street Address

Apartment #

City

State

Zip code

Home phone

Office

Cell

Email address

Entry Fee Payment

Adult \$20 for 10 entries

Check

Youth \$10 for 10 entries

Money Order

Make payable to Ivy Creek Foundation

Return Information

I have enclosed a SASE for return of my entries and notification of contest results

I have enclosed a SASE for notification of results but do not need my entries returned

I understand my entries will be destroyed at the conclusion of the contest

**Send this form, payment and entries postmarked no later than
December 31st, 2010 to:**

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Questions?

Email icf@ivycreekfoundation.org or call 434-973-7772.

List entries on other side.

List of entries (print or type clearly)

	<u>Entry Title</u>	<u>Category entered</u>
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