

Celebrating the Nature of Virginia Photography Contest

The Ivy Creek Foundation invites all photographers to enter 'Celebrating the Nature of Virginia' photography competition to benefit the preservation of the Ivy Creek and Ragged Mountain Natural Areas in Charlottesville, VA. Winners will have images exhibited at the October 'First Friday' artist walk at the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville October 2nd, 2009. First place in each category will receive tickets to see Nick Nichols speak at the Paramount the following Friday October 9th, 2009.

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 i.e.: 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. A portion of the entry fee will benefit the Ivy Creek Foundation.

Deadline

Entries will be accepted from June 15th, 2009 and must be postmarked no later than September 1st, 2009. Drop off entries will be accepted until September 2nd at Ivy Creek. Winners will be announced on September 14th. First –Third place and Grand Prize winners will be given instructions on preparing images for the opening on October 2nd.

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 at 72 dpi, 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**

OR Drop off Entries at Ivy Creek Natural Area in the Education Building:

Wednesday mornings between 9-11a

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 on Wednesday September 16th between 9-11a.

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, etc...

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 Paramount Theater on First Friday October 2nd, 2009. 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.

First place winners in each category will receive free admission to the Nick Nichols event held at the Paramount on Friday October 9th, 2009. The Grand Prize winners in the Adult and Youth Divisions will receive free admission to the event and the opportunity to meet Nick.

Celebrating the Nature of Virginia Entry Form

First Name/ Last Name

Street Address

Apartment #

City

State

Zip code

Home phone

Office

Cell

Email address

Entry Fee Payment

Adult \$20 for 10 entries

Youth \$10 for 10 entries

Check

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 Yes

**Send this form, payment and entries postmarked no later than
September 1st, 2009 to:**

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Questions?

Email victoria@victoriasimages.com or call 434-295-9391.

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List of entries (print or type clearly)

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