

2019 Winter Wildlife Festival Photography Contest Complete Rules & Regulations

ELIGIBILITY:

The Winter Wildlife Festival Photo Contest (“Photo Contest”) is open only to registered participants of the 2019 Winter Wildlife Festival and those attending the Exhibit Hall and/or Children’s Activities. To enter in the Youth Category, registrant must be under 16 years old. All photos submitted must be taken during the Winter Wildlife Festival trips, excursions, workshops or exhibit hall between Friday, January 25, 2019 and Sunday, January 27, 2019.

SPONSOR:

The Photo Contest is sponsored by the City of Virginia Beach, through its Department of Parks and Recreation; 2154 Landstown Road Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456 (“Sponsor”).

ENTRY PERIOD:

The Photo Contest entry period begins at 8am on Friday, January 25, 2019 and ends at 5pm on Thursday, January 31, 2019 (“Entry Period”). Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will be ineligible.

WHAT TO ENTER:

The categories for submission include the following:

- **Wildlife**
 - **Portrait** – must show wildlife during a festival excursion; animal(s) must be still. Excludes animal ambassadors in exhibit hall, children’s activities and walk-up workshops
 - **Action** - must show wildlife during a festival excursion; animal(s) in motion, displaying a behavior, etc. Excludes animal ambassadors in exhibit hall, children’s activities and walk-up workshops
- **Festival in Action** - must include festival participants participating in any festival activity; this includes: the Exhibit Hall, walk-up workshops, keynote, excursions, children’s activities, etc. Submission should capture the “spirit” of the Festival.
- **Youth** - any subject, any festival location; must be under 16 to qualify.
- **People’s Choice** - any subject, any festival location. Photographs entered in any of the above categories may also be entered in the **People’s Choice** category.

Please **do not** include the following:

- Photos of pets or domestic animals; EXCEPTION: photographs of education animals participating in the festival may be included in all categories except Wildlife.
- Photos that violate another person’s rights, including but not limited to copyright.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content.
- Photos taken outside of the 2019 Winter Wildlife Festival weekend.
- Images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or the environment by the photographer.
- Images that violate any local, state or national wildlife law or regulation.
- Images the involve putting any individual or animal in danger.

HOW TO ENTER: All participants must fill out a Photo Contest Entry Form and enter the required fields including name, email and photo submission information. The terms of the Photo Release must be read and accepted in order to participate in the Photo Contest.

Photo (s) can be uploaded directly to the submission form. You may submit up to one (1) photo per eligible category. One submission form can be used for all entries as long as total file upload size is limited to 250MB.

You may select one of your entries to also be entered into the ***People's Choice*** category by choosing from the drop-down menu on the electronic submission form.

JUDGING:

Photo submissions in the following categories: ***Wildlife-Portrait, Wildlife-Action, Festival in Action*** and ***Youth*** will be judged on the following criteria: technical quality, composition, artistic merit and overall impact.

Black and white and color photos will be accepted. All black and white and color photos entered in the same category will be judged together.

Photo submissions in the ***People's Choice*** category will be placed on the Sponsor's Facebook Page. Winner will be determined by the most number of "likes" on a picture during the specified timeframe, which will be posted on Facebook page when album is uploaded.

Winners will be notified via the contact information provided at time of entry.

POTENTIAL WINNER REQUIREMENTS:

All entries must be accompanied by completed forms, which include the Liability Release Form. Entries submitted by individuals under the age of 18, must have a parent or legal guardian complete and accept the terms of Liability Release Form. Winners may be asked to submit a higher resolution file of their photograph before accepting their prize.

PRIZES:

The following prizes will be awarded:

Wildlife - Portrait:

- One (1) Overall Category Winner
 - A pair of ZEISS TERRA ED Binoculars (8x32) courtesy of Carl Zeiss Sports Optics
- One (1) Honorable Mention
 - Festival Prize Pack

Wildlife - Action:

- One (1) Overall Category Winner
 - A pair of ZEISS TERRA ED Binoculars (8x32) courtesy of Carl Zeiss Sports Optics
- One (1) Honorable Mention
 - Festival Prize Pack

Festival in Action:

- One (1) Overall Category Winner
 - Two Osprey daylite packs courtesy of Great Outdoors Provision Co.
- One (1) Honorable Mention
 - Festival Prize Pack

Youth:

- One (1) Overall Category Winner
 - 4-pack of tickets to the Virginia Aquarium and a REI prize pack.
- One (1) Honorable Mention
 - Festival Prize Pack

People's Choice:

- One (1) Overall Category Winner
 - 4-pack of tickets to The Adventure Park at Virginia Aquarium courtesy of The Adventure Park

Ownership Interest in Photographs Entered in Photo Contest:

If you submit a photograph to enter in the Photo Contest, you grant the Sponsor, a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:

- Display the photograph on the Internet, on Sponsor's website (www.vbgov.com/winterwildlife), and on Sponsor's Facebook page in support of the Winter Wildlife Festival; and
- Allow photograph to be printed in local publications as a photo contest category winner, if selected, along with your name and photo location; and
- Use the photograph on future promotions for the Winter Wildlife Festival including, but not limited to, posters, registration booklets, advertisements (print and digital) and electronic newsletters; and
- Use, in connection with the Photo Contest, your name, city and state of residence in promotions and publications. Only first name and last initial will be used for those in the ***Youth*** category; and
- Retain a digital copy of the photograph to be archived by Sponsor to be used for future marketing purposes as detailed above; and
- Allow Sponsor's partner organizations to use the photograph for future Winter Wildlife Festival promotion; and
- Allow third parties to share the photograph on the following social media platforms: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and Flickr.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

In the event that the operation, security, or administration of the Photo Contest is impaired in any way, Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, either: (a) suspend the Photo Contest to address the impairment and then resume the Photo Contest; or (b) award the prize(s) from among the eligible entries received up to the time of the impairment. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and seek damages from any individual who tampers with the operation of the Photo Contest, violates these

Official Rules, or acts in a disruptive or unsportsmanlike manner. Sponsor's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. Proof of sending any communication to Sponsor by mail shall not be deemed proof of receipt of that communication by Sponsor. In the event of a dispute as to the owner of an online entry, the authorized account holder of the e-mail address used to enter will be deemed to be the owner. The Photo Contest is subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY:

By entering, you agree to release and hold harmless the Sponsor and its agents, volunteers, servants, employees and officials (the "Released Parties") from and against any and all claims or causes of action arising out of participation in the Photo Contest or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) unauthorized human intervention in the Photo Contest; (b) technical errors; (c) late or undelivered email; (d) errors in the administration of the Photo Contest; or (e) injury or damage to persons or property. You waive the right to claim any attorney fees and any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct or indirect damages.

PRIVACY AND PUBLICITY:

Any information you submit as part of the Photo Contest will be used in accordance with Sponsor's Privacy Policy, if applicable. Except where prohibited, you consent to the Sponsor's use of your name in any list of winners (if applicable) and for promotional purposes in any media with further payment or consideration.

DISPUTES:

You agree that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Photo Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court of competent jurisdiction in the City of Virginia Beach or the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, your rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of Sponsor in connection with the Photo Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Virginia, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of Virginia or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Virginia.

RESULTS: Results will be posted on the festival website, www.vbgov.com/winterwildlife, by Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

QUESTIONS: Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to outdoors@vbgov.com