

# Official Rules – South Carolina State Parks 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photography Contest

## **WHAT**

Take part in celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Parks system in South Carolina by participating in the SCPRT 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photography Contest. Submit your photographs of subjects in South Carolina State Parks and join in on the celebration! We are looking for striking and storytelling images of nature and people in our State Parks. These may include portraits of wildlife in their natural habitat, plant life, natural landscapes, animal behavior and people and SCPRT staff enjoying the beauty of our State Parks.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit their photographs taken in South Carolina Parks, as part of the SCPRT 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Winners and selected entries from the four (4) Divisions will be posted online, and four (4) monthly winners during the 12-month contest period will be selected. Four (4) Best of Show winners (selected at the end of the contest period) and one (1) Grand Prize winner (selected from the Best of Show winners in the Professional, Amateur and Student Divisions) will be selected. SCPRT reserves the right to select which images are posted to the site. Only images that are appropriate for all audiences will be considered for posting.

### Categories:

1. Landscapes – Waterfalls, streams, aeriels, scenics, etc.
2. Mammals – Portraits and behavior
3. Birds – Portraits and behavior
4. Connecting People to South Carolina State Parks (Recreation, fishing, paddling, park staff, camping, hiking, historical, architecture.....)
5. Other Wildlife – Portraits and behavior (includes underwater life, reptiles, insects, amphibians, spiders, etc.)
6. Plant Life

## **WHEN**

The contest will run April 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009. The deadline for submission either by the Contest website or by disc each month will be the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month for which they are being submitted as described above (WHEN), with the exception of the final month (April 2009) when all entries will be due by midnight April 30, 2009.

## **WHO**

The Contest is open only to residents of the United States (excluding the states of Florida and Rhode Island) who are 13 years of age or older as of March 30, 2008. (“Entrants”). If

you are not a resident of these areas and/or you are not 13 years of age or older, you are not eligible to win a prize. To be eligible to win a prize, entries must be completed and received by Sponsor in the format designated below. All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.

**Divisions:** Photographers must enter their images in one of the following divisions:

**Professional:** Full or part-time photographers who receive all or a major part of their income from photography.

**Amateur:** Beginning or amateur photographers at least 18 years of age, and experienced photographers who do not receive at least 50 percent of their income from photography.

**Student:** Young photographers between the ages of 13-17. *(All Student Division entrants will be required to fill out a release to be signed by parent or legal guardian.)*

**PRT Employee:** Any South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) employee, full or part-time. *(See specific restrictions relating to the SCPRT employee division in Eligibility below.)*

## HOW

- Each qualified participant in each Division may submit up to ten (10 ) photographs each month. Images may be uploaded digitally through the SCPRT Photo Contest website or you may send images on disc to the address below
- All photographs must in digital form, with a minimum resolution of 1024 x 768 (or higher)
- Please add a detailed description of the photograph (event, what's going on, subject description and state park name)
- All photographs uploaded via the website must be in .jpg format
- Photographs submitted on disc may be in .jpg, .tif, or .psd format
- You must specify which category you want each photograph to be judged in. Any photographs without a specific category assignment will be placed in the most appropriate category by the Contest manager
- All photographers must fill out a Registration form online
- Each photograph must have an accompanying Photograph Contest Entry Form. This form also includes a minor release form to be signed by a parent or legal guardian, if the entrant is a minor.
- Photographs must be in color
- A signed model release must be filled out and returned for photographs that include recognizable adults and/or children before the photograph will be accepted into the contest and displayed. The Model Release form must be attached to the Photo Entry form. These forms are available in PDF format on the Enter Contest page of the website.

Discs, entry forms and model releases should be mailed to:

State Park Photo Contest  
South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism  
Suite 110  
1205 Pendleton St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

Judges base their decisions on the following qualities: originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, storytelling and artistic merit.

## **PRIZES**

- a) Prizes with a cash value of \$50 will be awarded each month for the winner in each Division (Professional, Amateur and Student) during the promotion;
- b) Winners in the SCPRT employee category will be awarded prizes derived from donated sources;
- c) A Best in Show prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the Contest for each of the following Divisions (Professional, Amateur and Student);
- d) A Grand Prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the Contest to one winner to be selected from the Best of Show winners in the three categories (Professional, Amateur and Student). (Some restrictions apply.)

## **LEGAL**

### **1. Eligibility:**

a) No purchase necessary to enter or win. The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, (“Sponsor”) is the sponsor of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photography Contest. The Contest is open only to residents of the United States (excluding the states of Florida and Rhode Island) who are 13 years of age or older as of March 30, 2008. (“Entrants”). If you are not a resident of these areas and/or you are not 13 years of age or older, you are not eligible to win a prize. To be eligible to win a prize, entries must be completed and received by Sponsor in the format designated below. All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Offer void where prohibited. Rules are subject to change and may be updated during the contest as determined by the Sponsor;

b) **SCPRT Division** - Directors, officers and employees of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT), and any of their respective affiliate companies, advertising and promotional agencies, and immediate families of each are not eligible to participate in the General Divisions of the Contest (Professional, Amateur and Student). PRT employee participation is limited to the PRT Employee division and all awarded prizes in this division are from donated sources. Additionally, all photography submitted to the PRT Employee Division becomes the property of SCPRT;

- c) In the event of any dispute, entries will be deemed to have been submitted by the owner of the e-mail address submitted;
- d) Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your entered photographs—and your name, occupation, city, state and country of residence—to be published on the SCPRT 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary website, and used for promotions by the South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism;
- e) Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your entered photographs - and your name, occupation, city, state, and country of residence - to be published as award winners on the SCPRT website and used for promotions of SCPRT including, but not limited to, publications from SCPRT, exhibitions, a photo contest calendar, a compilation book or electronic collection of photographs, online photo features and tips;
- f) Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs. SCPRT reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, winner eligibility.

## **2. Disclaimer.**

Sponsor, all participating sponsors and any of their respective affiliates, directors, officers, professional advisors, employees and agencies will not be responsible for:

- a) any late, lost, misrouted, garbled or distorted or damaged transmissions or entries;
- b) telephone, electronic, hardware, software, network, Internet, or other computer- or communications-related malfunctions or failures;
- c) any Contest disruptions, injuries, losses or damages caused by events beyond the control of Sponsor; or
- d) any printing or typographical errors in any materials associated with the Contest.

## **3. Contest Period.**

The Contest shall commence on April 1, 2008 at 12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time ("EST"), and end on April 30, 2009 at 11:59 PM EST ("Contest Period"). We will accept entries beginning April 1, 2008, and all entries received for consideration between April 1, 2008 and May 31, 2008 will be judged as one group considered as the "May" contest month. For the remainder of the contest period, each month's entries will be due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month for which they are being submitted as described above (WHEN), with the exception of the final month (April 2009) when all entries will be due by midnight April 30, 2009.

## **4. Prizes.**

- a) Prizes with a cash value of \$50 will be awarded each month for the winner in each Division (Professional, Amateur and Student) during the promotion.
- b) Winners in the SCPRT employee category will be awarded prizes derived from donated sources.
- c) A Best in Show prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the Contest for each of the following Divisions (Professional, Amateur and Student).

d) A Grand Prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the Contest to one winner to be selected from the three categories (Professional, Amateur and Student). (Some restrictions apply.)

**5. ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OR USE OF ANY PRIZES ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNER.** All prizes will be awarded. Prizes returned as undeliverable or otherwise not claimed within fifteen (15) days after delivery of notification will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Prizes are not transferable. No substitutions or exchanges (including for cash) of any prizes will be permitted, except that Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value for any prize. Limit one prize per household or address. All prizes are awarded "AS IS" and WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, express or implied, (including, without limitation, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose)

**6. Determination of Winners.**

Selection of monthly winners will take place by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the close of the previous month's submissions. The prize winners will be notified by e-mail within seven (7) days thereafter. To claim a prize, winners should follow the instructions contained in their notification. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges comprised of representatives of SCPRT and other selected individuals. Judges base their decisions on the following qualities: originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, storytelling and artistic merit.

**7. Collection of Information.**

The information collected to enter the Contest will be used to contact you in the event that you are chosen to receive a prize. SCPRT will not share or sell your information. The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism wholly reserves the right to publicize the Contest and its winners. As stated above, the Contest is not open to Minors under the age of thirteen (13). Entries submitted by a Minor between the ages of thirteen (13) and seventeen (17) must include a release signed by a parent or guardian in order to participate.

**8. General Release.**

By entering the Contest, you release the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agencies (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any liability whatsoever, and waive any and all causes of action, related to any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the Contest or delivery, misdelivery, acceptance, possession, use of or inability to use any prize (including, without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional), whether under a theory of contract, tort (including negligence), warranty or other theory.

**9. Affidavit & Release.**

As a condition of being awarded any prize, winners may be required to execute and deliver to Sponsor a signed Affidavit of Eligibility, which includes an acceptance of these Official Rules and a release of liability.

**10. Winners List: Rules Request.**

For a copy of the winners list, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope after April 30, 2009 to Sponsor at the following address: 2008 75<sup>th</sup> Photo Contest - Winners List, c/o South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 113, Columbia, SC 29201.

**11. Miscellaneous.**

The Contest and these Official Rules will be governed, construed and interpreted under the laws of the State of South Carolina and any challenges or claims against the Contest shall be brought under the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of South Carolina. Entrants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and by the decisions of Sponsor, which are final and binding in all respects. Sponsor reserves the right to change these Official Rules at any time, in its sole discretion, and to suspend or cancel the Contest or any entrant's participation in the Contest should viruses, bugs, unauthorized human intervention or other causes beyond Sponsor's control affect the administration, security or proper play of the Contest or Sponsor otherwise becomes (as determined in its sole discretion) incapable of running the Contest as planned. Entrants who violate these Official Rules, tamper with the operation of the Contest or engage in any conduct that is detrimental or unfair to Sponsor, the Contest or any other entrant (in each case as determined in Sponsor's sole discretion) are subject to disqualification from entry into the Contest. Sponsor reserves the right to lock out persons whose eligibility is in question or who have been disqualified or are otherwise ineligible to enter the Contest. If you have any questions about these Official Rules or the Contest, send written questions to 2008 75<sup>th</sup> Photo Contest - Information Request, c/o SCPRT, 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 113, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. Rules are subject to change and may be updated during the contest as determined by the Sponsor.

**12. Copyright Notice.**

The Contest and all accompanying materials are copyright © 2008 South Carolina Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism. All rights reserved.

**13. Contest Sponsor.**

The sponsor of the Contest is the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism.