

FRIENDS OF STEELE CREEK NATURE CENTER AND PARK 2010 AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES

1. To be eligible, an entrant may not derive more than 10% of their income from work as a photographer and may not *regularly* compete in and/or have photographs accepted for exhibition in regional (i.e. beyond the Tri Cities region), national, or international competitions. The following individuals may submit entries, but are ineligible for prizes: Friends Board members and their immediate family members, and jurors and their immediate family members.
2. Photographs must have been taken within the boundaries of Steele Creek Park, and should focus on the natural aspects of the park. Photographs will be judged on general interest, creativity, and technical quality. Jurors will be professional or experienced amateur photographers from the local community. All decisions made by the jurors will be final.
3. Entrants must have full rights to any photographs submitted. Photographs may not have been previously published and may not have won any previous contest.
4. An individual may submit up to four photographs for a single entry fee of \$5.00. Additional photographs may be submitted by the same individual for additional entry fees of \$5.00 per four entries. Each photograph must be accompanied by a separate, completed application form.
5. Submitted photographs must be *prints*, at least 5"x7", and must be mounted on firm backing no larger than 16"x20". They do not need to be matted, and *may not* be framed or covered with glass. Color and black and white prints are acceptable. Prints made from slides or digital images are acceptable.
6. There will be two divisions for submissions: Adult and Youth. Youth must be *younger than* 16 as of October 15, 2010 (i.e. birth date after October 15, 1994).
7. Prizes will be awarded for one or more photographs in each division for which there are sufficient submissions (i.e. a total of at least 10 photographs submitted by at least 3 photographers in the division). The value of the award(s) is to be determined prior to the judging, but will be for a minimum of \$25 for the first place photograph(s). Additional prizes, ribbons and certificates may also be awarded.
8. Entries may be mailed to Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park, P.O. Box 1763, Bristol, TN 37620, or dropped off at the Bristol Tennessee Department of Parks and Recreation office, 325 McDowell Street, Bristol, TN, weekdays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Entry fees must accompany all mailed photographs as well as those dropped off at the Parks and Recreation office. Deadline for receipt of entries and entry fees is 4:00 pm, Friday, October 1, 2010.
9. All submissions will be displayed at Wildlife Weekend at Steele Creek Park (October 15 & 16, 2010). Winners will be announced at Wildlife Weekend on Friday evening, October 15. Winners will not need to be present to receive awards.
10. Photos will be returned to all photographers who request them. However, entrants are encouraged to donate their submissions to Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park. Many entries from previous years are now on permanent display in the Lodge at Steele Creek Park. In any event, Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park reserves the right to obtain an electronic or film copy of any photograph entered in the contest, and will retain non-exclusive rights to use the images for educational, promotional or fundraising purposes without obtaining further permission and/or providing compensation. Credit will be given to the photographer whenever images are used.
11. Photographers wishing to have their entries returned may:
 - a. pick them up at Wildlife Weekend (at the Steele Creek Lodge) on October 16 between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm; or
 - b. pick them up at the Bristol Tennessee Department of Parks and Recreation office (325 McDowell Street) during office hours (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) between October 25 and November 19; or
 - c. have them returned by mail if a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope of appropriate size is provided with the entry.

Photographs not claimed by November 19, 2010 will become the property of Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park.

**FRIENDS OF STEELE CREEK NATURE CENTER AND PARK
2010 AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Category of entry Adult Youth (Date of birth: _____)

Title or subject of photograph: _____

Approximate date of photograph: _____

Approximate location of photograph in Steele Creek Park: _____

By signing below I certify that:

- 1) I have read and agree to the published rules of the contest;
- 2) the photograph submitted was taken within the confines of Steele Creek Park;
- 3) the photograph submitted has not previously been published or won any contest;
- 4) I own the full rights to the submitted picture;
- 5) I do not derive more than 10% of my income from work as a photographer and do not *regularly* compete in and/or have photographs accepted for exhibition in regional, national, or international competitions;
- 6) I understand that Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park ("Friends") has my permission to obtain an electronic or film copy of this submitted photograph, and may use the image for educational, promotional or fundraising purposes without my further permission and without compensation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Youth Category submissions)

FOR STAFF USE

Picture # _____ Date received: _____ Return envelope for photo(s) provided? Yes No

Entry fee form completed, entry fee enclosed in envelope, and envelope attached to photo # _____ Yes

Received by: _____