

FRIENDS OF STEELE CREEK NATURE CENTER AND PARK
2015 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 other 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. Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park (“Friends”) will retain non-exclusive rights to use the images for educational, promotional or fundraising purposes without obtaining further permission and/or providing compensation to the photographers. Credit will be given to the photographer whenever an image is used.
5. There will be two divisions for submissions: Adult and Youth. Youth must be *younger than 16* as of October 1, 2015 (i.e. birth date after October 1, 1999).
6. 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.
7. 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. ***To be eligible for prizes, digital files of the images must be submitted in addition to the prints.***
8. 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) will be determined prior to the judging, based in part on the number of entries in each division. In any event, the minimum prize amounts for first place will be \$50 for the adult division and \$25 for the youth division. Additional prizes, ribbons and certificates may also be awarded.
9. Entries may be submitted, beginning August 3th, 2015, by mail to Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park, P.O. Box 1763, Bristol, TN 37620, or in person 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, September 25th, 2015.
10. Electronic copies of the entries may be submitted with the prints as above, or may be e-mailed to mail@friendsofstelecreek.org.
11. All submissions will be displayed at Wildlife Weekend at Steele Creek Park (October 9th & 10th, 2015). Winners will be announced at Wildlife Weekend on Friday evening, October 9th. Winners do not need to be present to receive awards.
12. Photos will be returned to all photographers who request them. However, entrants are encouraged to donate their print submissions to “Friends”. Many entries from previous years are now on permanent display in various venues around the city of Bristol, TN.
13. Photographers wishing to have their prints returned may:
 - a. pick them up at Wildlife Weekend (at the Steele Creek Lodge) on October 10th between 3:00 pm and 4:00 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 12th and November 13th; or
 - c. have them returned by mail if a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope of appropriate size is provided with the entry.

Prints not claimed by November 13th, 2015 will become the property of Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park.

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APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete an application form for each photo submitted!

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 or have photographs accepted for exhibition *outside of the Tri Cities area* in regional, national, or international competitions;
- 6) I understand that Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park ("Friends") 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: _____