



AACD Photo Contest



“The Wonders of Arkansas”

The 2017 AACD Photo Contest, “The Wonders of Arkansas”, is open to amateur photographers who are residents of the state of Arkansas. Participants can enter as many as four photos total each year. Each photo has to fit in one of the four photo categories (listed below). One entry per category but can enter one photo in each of the four categories.

One adult and one youth winner will be selected for each category. Each 1st place winner will receive a \$25 cash prize. One photo will be chosen from the 1st Place winners as “Grand Prize Winner” and will receive a \$50 cash prize and the photo will be professionally framed for display. Honorable mentions will also be selected for each category, but won’t receive a monetary award. Winning photos will be displayed at AACD’s state office in Little Rock. Photos will be judged at the AACD Annual Meeting. Checks will be issued by AACD after the annual meeting.

Photo Categories

1. Landscape/Waterscape
2. Livestock/Wildlife
3. Cropland
4. Forest/Plants

(Adult – 18 yrs and older)

(Youth–less than 18 yrs of age)

Category Explanations:

- 1) Landscape/Waterscape – photos of lakes, hills, mountains, streams, any picture in which the scenery is the primary focus and taken in Arkansas
- 2) Livestock/Wildlife – cows, horses, pigs, deer, birds, chickens, any animal which fits one of these definitions
- 3) Cropland – rice, cotton, corn, soybean, sunflowers, any picture of a commodity grown in Arkansas as a crop
- 4) Forest/Plants – trees, flowers, grass, any type of tree, shrub and/or plant found in nature in Arkansas

Entry Instructions

Rules must be adhered to or photos will be deemed ineligible.

- Photos must be submitted:
 - (1) 8" x 10" photo(s) **must be matted** and turned in no later than 12:00pm Tuesday, February 8, 2017 at the registration table
 - (2) Photos **cannot** be mounted on foam board as we are unable to display them after the contest
 - (3) No glass or photos in frames (wood, plastic, metal, etc.)
 - (4) Photos must be taken within the calendar year (2016)
- Winning entries must provide the following before cash prizes can be awarded:
 - (1) A signed photo release form, which must be a hard copy
 - (2) Photo in electronic format to Debbie.Morelandpr@gmail.com
- All entry forms must be received by February 8, 2017. For early entries:
 - (1) Fax to (501) 682-3991
 - (2) Email to debbie.morelandpr@gmail.com
 - (3) Mail to AACD, 101 East Capitol Ave., Ste. 350, Little Rock, AR 72201
 - (4) Completed signed entry form must be received to be eligible for contest

Please note: If you intend to enter more than one photo (maximum of four photos per participant), you may submit all entries on the same entry form, but photo release form, if required, for *each* photo. Any photo depicting children and/or adults without appropriate signed release form will not be considered for the contest. If they can be identified in the photo you must submit a signed photo release prior to judging or the photo will be eliminated.

Additional Guidelines

- Black-and-white prints, color prints and prints from digital photos are all acceptable and will be judged together.
- Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than necessary burning, dodging and cropping.
- Do not send photo reproductions from a printed publication.
- All entries become the property of AACD, and AACD reserves the non-exclusive right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes.

Judging Standards

Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity. If you have questions or need more information contact Debbie Moreland, Program Administrator, at (501) 425-2891 or email at debbie.morelandpr@gmail.com

