

“Capture Nature”

Friends of Fish Creek Photography Contest

The Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society (FoFC) is excited to bring you “Capture Nature”, our first ever photography contest. Our hope is to engage park users of all ages in a fun and educational activity in Fish Creek Provincial Park, encouraging people to see things or visit areas they wouldn’t normally experience. This contest is part of the Friend’s “Social Enterprise” programming, where funds raised are used directly to support our conservation and stewardship initiatives, supporting the long-term sustainability of this urban park. Submitted photo images will become the property of the FoFC and be used to increase our organizational capital. We use many photo images throughout the year for our website, program promotion, presentations, volunteer training and other community-related outreach opportunities, so having a large stock of beautiful images to draw from will allow us to communicate more effectively about the work we do in the park, and to do our jobs better. Submissions will also be used as silent auction items at our annual fundraiser.

The “Capture Nature” Contest will run from July 1st to August 15, 2015.

How To Enter and General Contest Information:

****Please ensure that you read the Rules/Regulations and Eligibility requirements before you register.****

To register: follow this Eventbrite link-

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/capture-nature-friends-of-fish-creek-photography-contest-tickets-16337351458>

You will be able to register in one of the following categories:

- “Adult” (A) - anyone 18 years of age or older;
- “Youth” (Y) – anyone under 18 years of age (must have parental consent signed via Eventbrite registration);

We want our jury volunteers to be able to participate as well, so they have a category all their own (jurors are not eligible for prizes).

Once you register, you will receive an Eventbrite confirmation that includes the dedicated Gmail address through which you can submit your photo images. Only Contest registrants, jurors and FoFC staff have access to this email address.

Photography themes for “Capture Nature”:

- a. *Action* - anything that moves, for example, water, wildlife
- b. *Landscape* - could include anything from water, trees, fields of flowers, you name it!
- c. *Macro* - close up shots of anything you like!

Judging Criteria:

- a. Originality
- b. Composition
- c. Technical aspects (for instance, exposure, focus, lighting)

To submit photos:

Please note that images must be between 1 and 3 MB maximum in size, JPG format. Use this specific file-naming convention for each image submitted:

CATEGORY_Theme_First name.LAST NAME_Photo Location

For example: A_Macro_John.SMITH_Bebo Grove
Y_Action_Debbie.SMITH_Hull's Wood

Email photo submissions using the dedicated email address you receive via your Eventbrite confirmation. Please ensure you add your name and Contest theme (ie. Action, Landscape or Macro) in the "subject line" of your email for each submission.

For example: Submission from John SMITH, Macro

Each photo must be submitted in a separate email

****Photos will only be accepted if these formats are followed, so please take care to ensure you meet these requirements.****

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for participation in the "Capture Nature" Contest you must:

- be a resident in a Province or Territory of Canada;
- be registered with the "Capture Nature" Contest via Eventbrite;
- provide proof of permission to participate if under 18 years of age (this will be done via the Eventbrite registration process);
- be neither an employee nor a board member (nor be residing with an employee or board member) or the immediate family of Alberta Parks or the Friends of Fish Creek;
- ensure that the photo contest entry is submitted by the contest deadline and following the specified file-naming convention outlined in this document.

Contest jurors may participate, but within their category only, and are not eligible for prizes. FoFC staff will review their submissions separately.

Rules

1. The official Contest period is from July 1st to August 15th, 2015. Photo submissions will be accepted until midnight on August 15th, 2015. Any submissions that are received after midnight on August 15th will not be accepted.
2. All photographs MUST be taken in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Images that are not taken in the park will not be considered.
3. It is acceptable for photo images to have been taken prior to the Contest, and do not have to be taken specifically during the 6-week Contest period (for instance, you may have a favorite photo that you took a year ago in the park that is a good fit for one of the themes, so feel free to send it in!)
4. All juror decisions are final. Decisions will be made by midnight on August 31st, 2015 and winners will be informed the week of September 1st. Winning photos will be posted on our website and in our fall newsletter, as will the names of the winning photographers.
5. Each registrant can submit a maximum of 10 photo images in total during the Contest period - these can be across the three themes (not 10 images per theme) or in a single theme. Additional submissions will not be accepted.
6. Prizes will be awarded for the First, Second and Third place winning Contest images overall; one prize will also be awarded for the winning photo in each of the three Themes (ie. Action, Landscape and Macro).

Acknowledgement

By registering with the "Capture Nature" Contest, you acknowledge that:

- You will abide by the rules of the Contest;
- The decisions of the Contest jurors are final and binding and cannot be reviewed for any reason;
- If for any reason this Contest is not capable of running as planned, due to causes that may include infection by computer virus or other technological bugs, malware, tampering with the online resources associated with the Contest, tampering with the physical resources associated with the Contest, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of FoFC that affects the security, integrity, fairness, or impartiality of this Contest, the FoFC staff may terminate this Contest at any time;
- If a Contest participant does not follow the rules/regulations outlined by the FoFC, the organization has the ability to disqualify them;
- FoFC may, at its own discretion, feature the participation of certain Contest individuals in its own communications, including but not limited to our *Voice of the Friends* newsletter, FoFC website and/or other outreach with the public;
- The submission of all photos provides the FoFC the rights to use the photo:
- By participating in the Contest you agree to accept any prizes as awarded; prizes are not transferable, or exchangeable, and cannot be redeemed for cash or cash value;
- The odds of being selected will depend on the photographic content, skill and subject matter featured in the photograph, as well as the total number of eligible entries received;
- It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that any photographs he or she submits has been taken with the permission of the subject and do not infringe on the copyright of any third party or any laws;

- Each entrant grants the FoFC license to use, feature, publish, reprint, reproduce, display or sell any or all of the submitted photographs in any of its publications, its website, and/or in any promotional or exhibition material connected to this Contest or other future uses as FoFC determines;
- Each entrant also permits the FoFC to use his or her name in connection with his or her photograph.

All participants represent and warrant that:

- a. his/her photo entries are original;
- b. he/she took the photographs himself/herself, not materially aided by any other individual;
- c. he/she is the owner of any copyright or any other intellectual property attached to his/her photo entries.

By submitting his/her photo entry and in consideration of the agreements herein and value received, the participant hereby irrevocably sells, assigns and transfers to the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society any and all of the participants rights, ownership and entitlements originating from the photo entries submitted.

The participant agrees to fully indemnify the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society from any and all claims, actions, causes of actions, and any other costs that may arise as a result of or in connection to the ownership of the participant's photo entry.