

## “Nature in Chicago” Digital Photography Contest Rules

The Chicago Park District (CPD) invites Chicago residents and guests to submit photographs to the 2009-10 “Nature in Chicago” digital photography contest and exhibit. By submitting photos to “Nature in Chicago” photographers agree to the rules of the contest, exhibit, and auction as outlined below. Please read the contest rules thoroughly before submitting your images.

### General Contest Rules

- ❖ Photographs must be submitted by the original photographer.
- ❖ The contest is open to all participants age 18 and older. Youth between the ages of 14-18 may submit photographs under the youth category.
- ❖ The contest is limited to digital submissions. Photographs must be a minimum of 1500 x 1200 pixels at 300 dpi for jpeg or tif files.
- ❖ All photographs must be taken in the City of Chicago.
- ❖ The contest is not open to CPD employees, judges, or immediate family members of CPD employees and judges.
- ❖ Photographers may submit images in multiple categories.
- ❖ Images must be appropriate for a public audience and subject matter must be related to nature in Chicago. We are soliciting images of nature in Chicago in the following categories.
  - Native Flora (plants)
  - Native Fauna (animals)
  - Migratory Birds
  - Chicago Lakefront
  - People in Nature
  - Photos by Youth (14-18) in the abovementioned categories
- ❖ We are looking for photos of native plants and animals. For the means of this contest “native” is defined as: Native (indigenous) – a species that was present in the Chicago region prior to European settlement or has arrived since through natural means of dispersal (Chicago Botanic Garden). We are not looking for photos of horticultural plants and gardens or photos of domestic pets and zoo animals.
- ❖ Photos including nudity, profanity, commercial or political interests, graffiti, or anything wildly off-topic is strictly prohibited. The Chicago Park District reserves the right to disqualify any photographs that are deemed inappropriate.
- ❖ For photographs that include people, the photographer must obtain permission from the individual in the photograph prior to submitting the image. The photographer must be able to provide proof of permission upon request if necessary.

### Submission Guidelines

- ❖ Photographs may be submitted by joining the “Chicago Park District Nature Photo Contest” group on Flickr. <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cpdnaturephotocontest/>
- ❖ When adding photos to the group, photographers are asked to “tag” their photo with the category they are submitting the photo under. As an example, the photo should be tagged with “CPD Nature\_Native Flora”.
- ❖ Photos submitted to the “Chicago Park District Nature Photo Contest” group on Flickr will be open for public viewing. A slideshow of the submitted images will be shown on the Chicago Park District webpage.

### Winners and Prizes

- ❖ A panel of judges will select the winners in each category. For each category a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner, and two honorable mentions will be selected.

- ❖ The judges' decisions are final and non-negotiable.
- ❖ Prizes are non-transferable.

### Exhibit and Auction Rules

- ❖ All contest winners will be required to print and mount their photographs for the exhibit portion of the contest. Photographers will be responsible for any costs incurred with printing and mounting their selected photograph(s) in the format they choose. The Chicago Park District will not cover the cost of printing and mounting photos for this exhibit.
- ❖ Winning photographs should be mounted on a (1/8" or 3/16") foam core board
- ❖ Winning photographers will be asked to submit a 300 word or less artist statement along with their printed and mounted photograph. The artist statement should include title and location of the photograph, and the artist's thoughts and ideas on "Nature in Chicago".
- ❖ Printed and mounted photographs should be delivered by March 1, 2010 to the Chicago Park District Central Administration Building, 541 N. Fairbanks Court 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60611.
- ❖ The Chicago Park District will cover the cost of transporting and installing the winning images in gallery space at the selected Chicago Park District Cultural Centers during summer of 2010.
- ❖ The Chicago Park District will cover the cost of advertising and promoting the photo exhibit.
- ❖ At the conclusion of the exhibit the winning photographs will be entered into an auction at the Lincoln Park Conservancy's Annual Gala or the Chicago Wilderness Congress. Proceeds from the auctions will benefit the Chicago Wilderness Leave No Child Inside Initiative.

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