

SONC 2018 Nature Photo Contest

Rules and Regulations

GENERAL

These Rules and Regulations are final on all matters relating to the South Okanagan Naturalists' Club's 2018 Nature Photo Contest and Museum exhibition (the "Contest"). By entering the contest, all entrants agree to be bound by these Rules and Regulations.

OWNER

The owner ("Contest Owner") of the Contest is South Okanagan Naturalists' Club.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to enter the Contest, you must be a resident of the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS). The contest is not open to professional photographers. All photographs entered in the Contest must be taken within the geographic limits of the RDOS. Participation in the Contest constitutes Entrants' full and unconditional agreement to abide by these Contest Rules and Regulations and the Contest Sponsor's decisions, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Contest.

Photo entries must be original material and must not have been a winner in another provincial or national Contest. Entries also must not have been published or accepted for publication by a provincial or national magazine or newspaper. Entries posted online on personal websites, blogs or on social media are not considered published for the purpose of this Contest, and may be entered for Contest consideration. Judges may require the publication history of all photos being considered in the final stages of judging and reserve the right to disqualify photos based on their publication history.

Entrants may not win more than one prize within a single category.

Personal Information collected from Entrants by the Contest Owner will be used by the Contest Owner to administer the Contest and in connection with the publication of winning photographs. The Contest Owner will not share personal information relating to Entrants with any third parties, except as necessary for the administration of the Contest or as may be required by law. The Contest Owner respects the privacy of everyone who enters the Contest.

ENTRY FEE

The fee to enter the contest is \$5 per photo entered, whether one or more photos are entered at any one time. Entry fees must be paid on the Contest website prior to submitting entries.

Format of Photographs for Submission

Web Version

All entries must be submitted electronically as .jpg files through the website of the Contest (southokanagannature.com/xxxxx). Digital files should be at least 1,000 pixels wide for a horizontal image or 1,000 pixels tall for a vertical image at 72 ppi. Content alteration of digital files is not acceptable; cropping of photos is permitted, tonal or colour corrections are acceptable, including black and white conversion. Submissions must include the entrants' full name, the category into which you

wish to enter your photo, and a description of your photo to be eligible. The description must include the location at which the photo was taken.

Print Version

Entrants must be able to provide a high-resolution print version of each photo that they submit. For all photographs that are selected as winners or honourable mentions or otherwise selected for the Museum exhibition, a high-resolution print version of the photograph will be required to be submitted mounted on foam core (unframed). Entrants who fail to provide a mounted high-resolution print version within the time period set by the Contest Owner following prize notification will forfeit the prize and an alternate winner will be selected by the judging panel. All printed and mounted photos will be returned to the owners at the end of the exhibition(s). The photos will be available for pickup at a place and on a date or dates to be determined.

Entries and Identification

Photographs may be entered into the five categories as described below:

Waterfowl

Other Birds

Landscapes – natural landscapes of all types; may include man-made structures

Fauna – wild animals both large and small

Flora – Wildflowers and plants of all types including fungi

Photos must be uploaded to the appropriate category. Judges reserve the right to place the entry in an appropriate category or remove a photo completely from the Contest should the photo be deemed inappropriate or not suitable for the category to which it was submitted. Photographs that are removed from the Contest are not eligible for any prize. Photographs that are placed in another category by the judges are only eligible to win a prize in the category into which the entry has been placed.

Publication

By uploading any photograph to the Contest, you grant (or warrant that the owner of such materials expressly grants) South Okanagan Naturalists' Club a world-wide, royalty-free, irrevocable and non-exclusive right and license to use, copy, communicate, publicly display, distribute and create derivative works or merchandise from any such submitted photograph to promote the South Okanagan Naturalists' Club and its sponsors.

The winners' names and photographs will be published at www.southokangannature.com. All of the winners, runners-up and certain other selected photos will be featured in a 2018 photo exhibition at The Penticton Museum and may be selected for a proposed Nature Journal.

Copyright Notice

With regard to any photograph submitted, the owner of the photo's copyright retains all copyright.

If copyright in any photograph submitted by an eligible entrant belongs to a minor, permission to enter the photo in the Contest, reprint, publish or otherwise reproduce the images, as described above, must

have been obtained, in writing, from the child's parent or guardian prior to entry of the photograph in the Contest. Proof of such permission must be provided to the Contest Owner upon request.

Deadline

The Contest opens on March 1st, 2018 and closes on July 15, 2018. All photographic entries must be uploaded through the contest website before 11:59 p.m. PDT on July 15, 2018.

Selection of Winners

The Contest winners will be selected by a panel of independent judges. Winners will be notified by email or telephone on or about August 15, 2018. All decisions of the judging panel are final.

This Contest is based on photography skills alone and not subject to random draw or any other element of chance. The winners of the prizes will be chosen and evaluated based on the following judging criteria: composition, content/originality, technical quality and visual impact.

Responsibility

South Okanagan Naturalists' Club is not responsible for any failure of the website during this Contest. Nor is it responsible for any problems or technical malfunctions of computer online systems, servers, access providers, computer equipment, software or any e-mail, online or internet entry lost due to technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or at any website or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to an entrant's or any other person's computer or property related to or resulting from playing or downloading any material in the promotion.

Chances of Winning

The chances of winning a prize will depend on the number of eligible photographs received and the evaluation of the photographs by the judging panel.

Prizes

See the separate prize list on the Contest page for all of the prizes. Winners will receive no compensation, credit or prizing other than as disclosed in these Rules or otherwise provided at the sole discretion of the Contest Owner. In all cases, the Contest Owner reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value for any of the Contest Prizes. All prizes will be delivered to the recipients at a reception to be held at the Penticton Museum at a date in September to be announced.

Prize Conditions.

All prizes must be accepted as awarded and may not be exchanged for a different prize.

In order to be declared a winner, the selected entrant must sign and return a declaration and release form confirming eligibility and compliance with these Contest Rules and Regulations, consenting to the use, without further compensation, of winner's name, address (city only) and photograph(s) in any Contest-related publicity and releasing the Contest Owner and anyone else involved in the development, production or handling of the Contest and their respective directors, officers, employees and assigns from all liability arising in connection with the Contest or the acceptance, use or redemption of a Prize. The declaration and release must be returned to the Contest Owner within ten (10) days after

receipt of the declaration and release from the Contest Owner. Entrants who fail or are unable to meet any of these Rules and Regulations may be disqualified and alternate winner(s) will be selected.

Disputes

In the event of any disagreement as to whether a person is an Entrant, a potential winner or a winner, or as to the qualification of any Entrant, potential winner or winner to, or the adequacy of any prize or any substitute prize, the decision of the Contest Owner will be final.