

Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation
2013 Photography Contest
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Photo Contest: Rules, Terms and Conditions

Your participation in the Sonoma County Regional Parks Photography Contest helps support more than 50 beautiful Regional Parks. Thank you for helping to further our mission through your photography! ***Please read the following rules, terms and legal conditions, and please mark the Photography Contest Entry Form to confirm that you agree to these terms.***

The Photography Contest is open to all photographers except employees of Sonoma County Regional Parks or the Parks Foundation and their immediate family members.

WHAT TO ENTER

We are looking for images that highlight the many pleasurable and exciting activities that individuals, families, dogs and horses enjoy in Sonoma County Regional Parks, as well as the beauty of these Regional Parks. ***Your photograph must be taken in one of the Sonoma County Regional Parks.*** For a complete list of parks, please visit www.sonomacountyparks.org.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified. Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion. A completed entry form and registration fee must accompany each image.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Send your completed entry form, along with payment, to the ***Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, 2300 County Center Dr., #120A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.***
2. Save your photograph using the following naming structure:
Category.LastName.FirstName.Number (1, 2, 3, etc. if submitting multiple photographs per category). Example: Family.Smith.John.1
3. Save your photograph as a high resolution image, preferably 300 dpi, 1500 pixels wide.
4. Submit your photograph.
 - a. Upload your high-resolution photograph onto www.Flickr.com. Join the group "Parks Foundation Photography Contest" at www.flickr.com/groups/sonomaparks/ and add your photo to our contest page.
 - b. Or save your photograph on a CD-ROM and submit it with your entry form and payment.
5. If your photograph includes images of people, please be sure to have them complete the Photo Release Form on page 2 of the Entry Form and submit that with your entry.

6. Payment is required for each photograph entered, and multiple entries from a single photographer are acceptable. Entry is \$25 per photograph for adults or 3 photos for \$60. For teens and children 17 and under, entry is \$10 per photograph or 3 photos for \$25.

ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The judges are a panel of board members of the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation and local photographers and artists. Additional public voting shall be included in deciding awardees via the Parks Foundation's Facebook page. The Parks Foundation shall determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the judges are final.

DEADLINES

Deadline for submitting entries is 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time on Sunday, June 30, 2013. Finalists will be announced on or before July 31, 2013. Grand Prize Winner and Runners Up will be announced no later than August 2013. The Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) at its discretion.

WINNING PHOTOS

The judging panel will select the photos to be the contest's Finalists and Honorable Mentions. The general public will select the Grand Prize Winner by popular vote from a pool of Finalists determined by the judging panel. During the public voting on the photographs, there is a limit of one vote per person for each photo.

Winning photos may be displayed in Sonoma County offices, on the Sonoma County Regional Parks and Parks Foundation website and social media sites, in local newspapers reporting on Contest results, in future Regional Parks or Parks Foundation marketing materials, and elsewhere as deemed appropriate.

GRANT OF RIGHT TO USE PHOTOGRAPH

Photographer agrees to the use and display of images of his/her work (hereafter "Images") as part of Photographer's participation in the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation ("Parks Foundation") Photography Contest ("Contest"). Photographer grants to PARKS FOUNDATION a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to display/use the "Images," and Photographer agrees to the following identified uses:

- Press materials, education projects and publications, and wayfinding materials
- Promotional activities, member communications, fundraising appeals, invitations and announcements
- Graphic and electronic displays of the "Images" by Sonoma County Regional Parks and/or the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, including on their related websites and social media.

Photographer also grants the PARKS FOUNDATION the right to use her/his name in connection with the photograph. Photographer agrees that there is no payment to Photographer or her/his heirs or assigns for use of the “Images” of Photographer’s work in the Contest. Photographer retains full rights to “Images” for promotional use and other uses in Photographer’s sole discretion. PARKS FOUNDATION’s use is limited to promotional purposes and not for profit or resale. PARKS FOUNDATION may also use, at its discretion, Photographer’s name and Images to announce Contest winners and in future promotions of the Contest.

PARKS FOUNDATION reserves the right to choose from among the “Images” provided by Photographer to be used in any of the promotional uses identified above, and reserves the right to change an image size if the image does not fit into the promotional materials and view standards.

Photographer warrants and represents that he or she is the sole legal owner of all right, title and interest in all work, including all related intellectual property interests such as trademarks, and retains the sole and exclusive copyright in all work, and has the full right and authority to enter this Agreement and grant the rights granted in this Agreement. The Photographer also warrants and represents that the display of Photographer’s work in the promotion of the Contest does not and will not infringe or violate the rights of any other party, including any copyright interests.

Any depictions of individuals must be accompanied by a separate photo release form signed by the individual, or by an adult parent or guardian if the individual depicted is a child.

Photographer will indemnify, defend and hold PARKS FOUNDATION harmless from any losses, claims, damages, contests, penalties or injuries incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, which arise from any claim by any third party including any claim of harm from the Photographer’s work, or any claim of an alleged infringement of copyright or any other property right arising out of the display of Photographer’s Work.

Photographer agrees to release, defend and hold harmless on behalf of PARKS FOUNDATION and its agents or employees, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of images of Photographer’s work, including but not limited to any misuse, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur in taking, processing, reducing or producing the finished product, its publication or distribution.

Photographer understands that the promotional use of the work is subject to the sole discretion of PARKS FOUNDATION, and any or all of “Images” of Photographer’s work may be removed from PARKS FOUNDATION’s promotional materials at the sole and exclusive discretion of the PARKS FOUNDATION without notice to Photographer.

I am 18 years of age or older, and I am competent to contract in my own name or I have permission from a guardian. I have read this release before signing the entry form, and I fully

understand its contents, meaning and impact. I understand that I can ask specific questions regarding this release in writing before signing, and I agree that if I don't submit any questions, it will be interpreted as a voluntary and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

In exchange for this non-exclusive grant, the Parks Foundation shall include within the photograph's caption "© Person's Name."

QUESTIONS

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to Pam.McBride@sonoma-county.org.

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We also thank the following generous donors of Photography Contest prizes:

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