

Friends of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

2017 Refuge Reflections Photography Contest

Photographers are invited to submit entries to the 2017 Friends of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Photography Competition. All photos will be submitted as a digital file only.

THEME: Regional wildlife and/or nature scenes. Photos are not required to be taken on the refuge, but your work, whether it depicts wildlife or a nature scene, must be *representative* of what you would find when visiting the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge. **An entrant must hold all rights to a photograph.** Photographs previously published - or pending publication - or that violate or infringe upon another person's copyright, are not eligible. Previous refuge contest winning photographs may not be re-entered. Any first place winning entry in a prior art show (such as Friends of the Refuge Show, Photo Showcase, LBL, Henry County Fair, etc.) will not be accepted.

CATEGORIES: There will be **ADULT** and **YOUTH** (under age 18) categories in each of the following:

1. **Birds:** Must be birds that can be found in their natural state on the refuge. (No caged birds)
2. **Connecting People with Nature:** Photographs showing individuals enjoying the refuge. *A model release is needed for photographs showing recognizable individuals and/or minors.*
3. **Scenic:** Any scenic view of the refuge including plant life.
4. **Wildlife:** Wildlife would include any animals that would be seen in the wild on the refuge. No photos of domestic animals. NO captive animal photos allowed.
5. **Natures' Wonders:** In this category, you will find any scene that would not fit in the first four.
6. **Mobile Device:** Best photo taken (open category) via a mobile device (phone, tablet etc.)

Entrants will be limited to **THREE entries per category**. Works must be original to the photographer. No copies of published or copyrighted photographs will be accepted.

Manipulation of images, either film or digital, should be limited to conventional darkroom techniques or basic sharpening, cropping and removal of dust spots. Images should contain only the subject matter as originally seen through the viewfinder.

RULES: Entries should consist of a digital file of jpeg format of each submitted photo, 300 dpi (2400x3000) or larger is required. **There is no size requirement for Mobile Device photos.**

No identification is to be placed on the front of the photograph. Violation of this clause may result in disqualification.

MAIL-IN OR PERSONAL DELIVERY METHOD: If multiple photos are submitted, they may all be placed on the same CD. However, it is required that each photo file is named to correspond to the title of the entry on accompanying entry form. Each photo must have a separate entry form. CD's must be labeled with the photographers' name and contact information.

EMAIL DELIVERY METHOD: Each image must be submitted *individually* by email to: refugereflections@gmail.com, and must include either a copy and paste version of our entry form, or a retyped version on the email. ALL information from original entry form must be included, (ie. age if Youth category). Include your name and date at the bottom of your email, which will represent your signature in agreement to the release statement on the form. A response will be sent to you to acknowledge receipt of your entries. If you don't receive one within 48 hours, contact us at above email.

*Photographs entered containing recognizable adults/children must be accompanied by a model release.

THERE IS NO ENTRANCE FEE but donations to Friends of TN National Wildlife Refuge will be graciously accepted!

JUDGING: Photos in each division/category will be judged and the decision of the judges will be final. Cash prizes will be awarded for First Place in each category and Best of Show.

PRIZES: Adult Category - **\$50 (1st Place) 2nd and 3rd - certificate** **Best of Show - \$100**
Youth Category - **\$25 (1st Place) 2nd and 3rd - certificate** **Best of Show - \$50**

Winning Photos will be displayed for one year in the Visitor's Center as well as on social media

**Entries will be received thru Friday, September 08, 2017 until 4pm;
by email at refugereflections@gmail.com OR by
U.S. mail or personal delivery to:**

**1371 Wildlife Dr., Springville, TN 38256
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon. - Sat.**

Winners will be announced at a special recognition ceremony at:

**Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge
1371 Wildlife Drive - Springville, TN
October 21, 2017
2:00 p.m.**

By entering the TN Natl. Wildlife Photographic Competition, entrants agree to grant the right to Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge the right to display their photographs. Exhibition of entries will include photographer credit. Photographers retain ownership of all copyrights, however, by submitting an image for entry in this competition, photographers automatically shall and hereby do give non-exclusive, not-transferable, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable license without charge to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to reproduce and display the images in any electronic, optical, physical or other medium, to modify its size and resolution, and to use your name as photographer, indefinitely in any media without notification or further compensation.

I have read the above and agree: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Members of the TNWR Friends Board of Directors are not permitted to enter this competition.

A separate signed form must be submitted for **EACH** entry. If mailing or delivering your images to the refuge, please place your DVD, thumb drive, etc. in an envelope accompanied with the entry forms. Be sure to name your photo files to correspond with the title on your entry form for ID purposes. If submitting by email, please submit each digital photo file individually, including the information in this completed form with the file to: refugereflections@gmail.com

Do not staple.

*Category: _____ *Adult _____ *Youth _____ *Age (if youth)

*Title of photo: _____

*Email address: _____

*Name: _____ *Phone # _____

*Address: _____ *CITY _____ *STATE _____

***PLEASE COMPLETE ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION**

