



SEVENTH ANNUAL OREGON WILD OUTDOOR PHOTO CONTEST

Showcasing the wildlands, wildlife, and waters that make Oregon a special place

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please note: The Oregon Wild staff is tirelessly working to protect the wildlands, wildlife, and waters that are the focus of this contest. We are unable to take phone calls regarding this contest and urge you to utilize the maps, detailed submission guidelines, and additional resources provided on this website to the best of your ability. Thank you for understanding and good luck!

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

1. All entrants must submit a completed contest entry form with their photo(s).
2. This contest is open to everyone except for Oregon Wild staff and board of directors, contest jurors, prize contributors, and their immediate families.
3. Only photos taken within the categories outlined in the Submission Guidelines are eligible for consideration. *No exceptions.* See guidelines and maps.
4. Photos must have been taken within the last three years.
5. Only color images will be considered for this contest.
6. Up to five photos may be submitted per person.
7. A one time administrative fee of \$5 is required for all contest participants. Contestants who do not submit a photo contest fee by midnight September 15, 2011 will not be eligible to win. Please pay your fee online at: http://www.oregonwild.org/about/hikes_events/photo-contest
8. Entrants to the "Youth" category are free.
9. Photos may be submitted electronically or by mail. See Submission Guidelines for important specifics. Submissions will not be returned - *do not send originals.*
10. Photographers will retain original copyrights to their photos.
11. Entrants grant Oregon Wild permission to use their photo(s) in any publication, marketing or fundraising materials, and on the Oregon Wild web site. All photos used will receive captioning where allowed.
12. All decisions by the judges are final.
13. Only submissions that adhere to the Contest Rules and Submission Guidelines are eligible to win.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The submission deadline is midnight September 15, 2011
Submissions that do not meet the following specifications will be disqualified

ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES:

WILDLANDS: Photos must be of *federal public* lands in Oregon. This includes National Forest and BLM lands (including designated Wilderness and National Scenic areas), National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, National Grasslands, and National Monuments. Images featuring recreation are acceptable and encouraged. Photos from state and local public lands, or private lands, are not eligible.

WILDLIFE: Photos must be of native Oregon species in their natural habitat. This category includes fish.

WATERS: Photos must be of pristine, undeveloped waterways in Oregon. This includes rivers, lakes, streams, waterfalls, and wetlands. Images featuring recreation are acceptable and encouraged.

ENDANGERED PLACES: Photos must be taken anywhere within the Klamath River watershed in Oregon or within the boundaries of Lower Klamath Lake and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges (just across the border in California). Photos of wildlife, scenery, recreation, etc are encouraged. Consult the interactive Google map on the Outdoor Photo Contest webpage for more details on the boundaries of the watershed and the refuges. Also, take a look at our suggested Klamath Basin hikes for great opportunities to explore and photograph this spectacular area.

YOUTH: Any photograph that meets the above criteria taken by a youth age 12 or under on the day the photograph was taken.

ACCEPTABLE FORMATS:

Digital photos: Photos taken with a digital camera must be submitted at a minimum resolution of 200 dpi and a file size of no smaller than 1.0 MB. File type must be jpg or tif. Minor digital enhancement for cropping, red-eye removal, filters, and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be significantly altered will be disqualified. Photographers are not permitted to place borders or frames around their images or to place watermarks, signatures, dates, or copyright notices on their images. Images **MUST** maintain the integrity of the area as it was photographed. For example, you may enhance the brightness of your image but you may not remove a clear-cut from the background.

IMPORTANT

Digital images submitted with numeric filenames will be disqualified.

It is necessary that each filename identify *who* took each photo and *where* it was taken. Please re-name your images to include the following:

- The specific area where the photo was taken
- Photographer's full name

Example: "LostLake.JohnDoe.jpg"

Multiple images of an area by the same photographer should be labeled as such: LostLake1.JohnDoe.jpg, LostLake2.JohnDoe.jpg, LostLake3.JohnDoe.jpg

Mailing discs: Please place digital images on a disc and mail it with your completed entry form to Oregon Wild. Please write your name, phone number, and the date the photos were taken on the disc.

E-mailing Images: Photos may be e-mailed to photocontest@oregonwild.org and must include a completed entry form. Please do not send more than three images per e-mail.

WINNERS:

Images will be judged on their effectiveness in conveying the uniqueness of the subject matter, technical expertise, composition, creativity, and ability to capture the following Wilderness values: recreation, scenery, legacy, inspiration, clean water, native species, and/or wildlife habitat.

A winner will be selected from submissions in each category. If insufficient entries are received for any particular category, Oregon Wild reserves the right to not give an award in that category. This is at the sole discretion of the contest judges.

Winners will be announced at a celebration event in Portland (details to be announced). The winners will receive prizes from Oregon's fine outdoor businesses - see website for details. In addition, the winning photos will appear in the Oregon Wild newsletter on dates to be determined by the Oregon Wild staff.