



16th Annual Friends of Heinz Refuge Photo Group Nature Photo Contest

The Friends of Heinz Refuge Photo Group announces its 16th Annual Nature Photography Contest. Images may be of any nature subject found at the refuge. No domestic animals, pets, or ornamental flora. Limit 3 entries per person. You are welcome to submit the maximum three entries however each individual will only be eligible for one award, excluding the Bill Buchanan Award.

All entries will be displayed at the refuge in a Photo Contest Exhibition beginning October 2, 2017. Prize winners will be announced on October 14, 2017 during the “Philly Fall Nature Fest.” Visitors to the Refuge will have the opportunity to vote for a People’s Choice Award during the two weeks leading up to the Festival.

Entries may be dropped off at the refuge visitor center between 8:30 am – 3:30 pm beginning August 20, 2017. Payment is by check or money order only. Please make checks payable to “FOHR Tincum.” Late, damaged or previous winning photographs will not be accepted. Improperly sized or mounted photos will not be submitted to the juror. All cash prizes must be claimed at the refuge within 30 days of the Festival. **Deadline for submissions is Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 3:30pm for ALL entries. There will be NO deadline extensions.**

Proceeds will benefit FOHR for refuge projects. FOHR is a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501 (c)(3) association founded in 1997 to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in carrying out its educational, interpretive, and public use missions.

Attach this form (or a copy) to the back of each print submitted. Do not staple. Please print clearly.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Image Title: _____

Species: _____

Age (Children & teens): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Fee enclosed: \$ _____ (Teens & adults)

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Are you interested in electronic submissions for next year’s competition?

Yes

No

Uncertain

*****See reverse side for important submission details*****

Rules, Categories, Entry Fees, and Prizes

Only color and black and white **PRINTS**, including reasonably unaltered prints from digital files, will be accepted. Judges may reject any print that shows evidence of extreme manipulation. **All images should have a title. All submissions must be mounted and matted and should be 8x10 inch prints with 11x14 inch mats. Larger sized images will not be accepted. No framed images will be accepted.** Images will be judged for technique, interest and composition. The decision of the juror is final. **Species identification should be included of any plants and/or animals depicted in the images.**

1) Children-Ages 12 and younger – no entry fee

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted.**

1st prize-\$25.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

2nd prize-\$15.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

3rd prize-\$10.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

2) Teens-Ages 13 – 18 Entry Fee-\$5.00 per print

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**

1st prize-\$75.00

2nd prize-\$50.00

3rd prize-\$25.00

3) Adults – Entry Fee-\$5.00 per print

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**

1st prize-\$100.00

2nd prize-\$50.00

3rd prize-\$25.00

- *The Bill Buchanan Award*
- *The People's Choice Award will be voted on during the 2 weeks prior to the "Philly Fall Nature Fest"*

All photographs will be displayed at the Refuge for one week after the awards ceremony.

Submission of a photograph represents consent to the FOHR Photo Group to display and use the photograph, and consent to use the photographer's name and likeness for publicity purposes in newsletters, news releases, publications, and social media. The image must be an original work of the entrant. The photographer retains all rights to their images. All photographs not claimed by November 12, 2017 become the property of the FOHR Photo Group and will be discarded.

Employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Heinz Refuge (FOHR), and other volunteers are neither liable for injuries to any person nor responsible for any damage or loss of property. Utmost care will be taken with all entries, however, the FOHR Photo Group is not responsible for damage or loss.

Questions? Call (215) 365-3118. John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19153 For more information on the Photo Group and the Heinz Refuge visit our website at: <http://www.fws.gov/heinz/>

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