

FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAH COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGES THIRD ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST - OFFICIAL RULES

Enter to win gift certificates or a cash prize. **Deadline for entries is April 15, 2014.**

A panel of judges will pick 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for separate youth and adult divisions in each of the following categories. Judges will also select a photo as "Best in Show" for each division. A total of twenty prizes are to be awarded.

Refuge Wildlife

Landscapes and Waterscapes

People in Nature

Indigenous animals in their natural habitat

Beautiful scenery and stunning vistas

Individuals or groups actively enjoying any of the accessible refuges within the Savannah NWR complex

Only *AMATEUR* photographers are eligible to enter. (May not possess a professional photographer tax ID number for the sale of photographs). The judging criteria is based on creativity (50%) and photographic quality (50%). No identifying information about the entries or entrants will be revealed to the judges prior to the completion of judging. Winners will be announced during Environmental Education Week April 22-26, 2014 and on the Friends website: coastalrefuges.org and notified by phone or e-mail. Judges' decisions are final and binding.

Each photo submitted must have been taken within the Savannah NWR Complex which includes Savannah NWR, Pinckney Island NWR, Wassaw NWR, Harris Neck NWR and Blackbeard Island NWR within the past two years (April 2012 to present) by the person who enters it in the contest. *REMINDER—Tybee NWR and Wolf Island NWR are restricted areas. Images which violate US Fish & Wildlife Service regulations are not admissible (see fws.gov/savannah/regulations.html)* Entries which depict unnatural exaggeration or manipulation are discouraged.

There will be a one-time entry fee of \$5 for youth (born after April 15, 1998) and \$20 for adults. Adults automatically receive an individual membership in Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges. Photographers are limited to no more than one photo in each category for a total of three photos. Checks should be made payable to FSCWR.

FORMAT: Photos must be sized 8" x 10" only. Entrants under the age of 18 as of April 15, 2014 must include a signed release from a parent or legal guardian. Photographs depicting models or groups must be accompanied by a Model Release Form. (attached). Secure entry form and model release (if applicable) to the back of each photograph. **Please no mattes or frames.**

Mail or deliver entries with subject line "FSCWR Photo Contest" to the Savannah NWR Visitor Center located at 694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville, SC (delivery directions: HWY 17, 7 miles North of Savannah, GA). **Please do NOT send photos by e-mail.** The photographer is solely responsible for damages incurred during delivery.

Entrant's signature constitutes a release to the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges and/or Savannah NWR Complex for the right to use, reproduce, publish, and/or display photograph(s) without further compensation. The original slide, negative or digital file may be requested. Entries may be posted on the Friends Group website or printed in the newsletter. **There will be no accommodations for the private sale of any print(s).**

PRIZES will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries for each category in the two divisions. Prizes consist of gift certificates redeemable for merchandise at **Bay Camera, World Wide Camera or The Gator Hole** gift shop located at the Savannah NWR Visitor Center. In addition, two cash prizes of \$50 will be awarded to the overall winners for the youth and adult divisions. Beginning February 15, 2014 submissions will be accepted and randomly displayed at the Visitor Center up until the deadline of the contest. Winning entries will be announced during Environmental Education Week April 22-26 whereupon the twenty chosen photographs will be on exhibit until a date which is yet to be determined. Non-winning entries can be collected after April 26. **The winning prints will be considered donations and thus used to support the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges and/or Savannah NWR Complex activities. Non-winning entries not picked up by May 15, 2014 will be discarded.**

The Small Print: Void where prohibited. Contest is open to legal residents of the United States and the District of Columbia. All federal, state, and local laws apply. Each entrant warrants the originality of each entry submitted by the entrant and warrants that the entrant owns all rights to each such entry. Submission of an entry form and photograph is evidence of entrant's agreement with and acceptance of these rules and regulations. Contestants will be responsible for obtaining and submitting to the FSCWR releases of all identifiable persons appearing in photographs. The FSCWR and the Savannah NWR Complex are not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

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ENTRY FORM

EACH entry must have this form firmly attached to the back of the photo.
All entries must be **RECEIVED** by the FSCWR by: **April 15, 2014.**

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: (day) _____ (evening) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHOTO TITLE: _____

PHOTO CATEGORIES (check all that apply and separate descriptions by number):

1. REFUGE WILDLIFE _____ 2. LANDSCAPES/WATERSCAPES _____ 3. PEOPLE IN NATURE _____

WHERE AND WHEN WAS(/WERE) PHOTO(S) TAKEN: _____

I AM A/AN: _____ YOUTH (born after April 15th, 1998) _____ ADULT

I HAVE READ AND I AGREE TO THE CONTEST RULES.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**ENTRANTS AGED 18 OR YOUNGER (as of April 15, 2014) MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING
PORTION COMPLETED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:**

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ (name of entrant)

I have read and agree to the contest rules, and his/her entry is with my permission.

Name of parent/legal guardian. (please print) _____

Telephone: (day) _____

(evening) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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MODEL RELEASE

I hereby grant to the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges, its affiliates and licensees, the following irrevocable rights: to use and re-use my name and photographic likeness in all form and media, to publish and re-publish the photograph(s), in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with printed matter or in composite form, and in any medium, for editorial, promotional, and/or trade purposes, and any other lawful purposes.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve any copy that is used in conjunction with the photograph and release and discharge the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge Complex, its affiliates and licensees, from any and all claims arising out of use of the photograph for the purposes described above, including any claims for libel or breach of copyright.

I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If MODEL is under 18:

I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above. I have read this release and approve of its terms.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

School/Group: _____

Judges reserve the right to decide which category best suits each entry.

Let us know if you are presently a member of any of the following:
(Does not affect your entry – we're just curious)

- _____ FRIENDS OF THE SAVANNAH COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGES (individual or family?–circle one)
- _____ HILTON HEAD ISLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY
- _____ SAVANNAH-OGEECHEE AUDUBON SOCIETY
- _____ SKIDAWAY AUDUBON