

Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges 2022 Grand Prize in Photography Contest

Terms and Conditions

The Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges 2022 Grand Prize in Photography Contest (the “Contest”) is open to all visitors to any of the five (5) open refuges in the Complex (Savannah, Pinckney Island, Harris Neck, Wassaw, and Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuges). Images may be entered into two (2) categories: Landscape or Wildlife.

Entry Fees

Entrants with active, up-to-date memberships of Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges are allowed up to three (3) image submissions per category, up to six (6) images total, free of charge.

An entry fee of \$10 is suggested to Non-members and will be allowed up to three (3) image submissions per category, up to six (6) images total. Donations can be made through the www.CoastalRefuges.org website as a “one-time” payment. Please add “Photo Contest” in the Comment box when you make your donation.

Tiers (who can participate)

The Contest consists of three (3) tiers, defined as follows:

Professional: All participants 16 years of age and older who have won a Best of Show, Top of Tier, First, Second or Third place prize in any previous Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Photography Contest in either the Professional or Amateur tiers, previously Tier One and Tier Two respectively, or any participant who self describes, or is generally recognized, as a professional photographer or workshop leader.

Amateur: All participants 16 years of age or older who have never won a Best of Show, Top of Tier, First, Second or Third Place prize in any previous Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Photography Contest in either the Professional or Amateur tiers, previously Tier One and Tier Two respectively, and who does not self describe, or is not generally recognized, as a professional photographer or workshop leader.

Youth: All participants under the age of 16 at the time of the submission deadline.

Note: A participant who has entered in the Professional tier, previously referred to as “Tier One”, may not enter in the Amateur tier, previously referred to as “Tier Two”, in subsequent years. While any participant may choose to enter in the Professional tier, the Contest Judges

may require a particular participant to enter in the Professional tier.

Categories (what can be submitted)

Landscapes: Images of landscape, scenery, sky and/or water on one (1) of the Refuges.

Wildlife: Images of wild mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and/or insects on one (1) of the Refuges.

All images must be taken from *publicly accessible areas* of the five (5) open refuges in the Complex (Pinckney Island, Savannah, Wassaw, Harris Neck, and Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuges). Participants must obey all posted closures and regulations to obtain their photographs.

Rules and Restrictions

Copyright Ownership: Images must be the original work of the individual submitting them.

Permitted

- Bird bands, ear tags and radio collars on wildlife.
- Post-processing correction to eliminate elements not part of the original scene such as sensor spots, dust, stray hairs, etc.
- High Dynamic Range (HDR) images.
- Panoramic images composed of multiple exposures stitched together.
- Black and White images, whether captured in camera or converted in post processing.
- Infrared images.
- Images taken from January 1, 2021 or later.

Not Permitted

- Images that have been creatively processed to the extent that the emphasis is no longer on the original nature subject. Such images may be disqualified.
- Borders, visible watermarks, copyright notices and photographer's names or any other added text.
- Living creatures in all categories must be photographed in their natural or adopted habitat and specifically may not be moved to another setting or background.
- Images where any living creature appears to be stressed or harassed by humans in any way will be disqualified.
- Domestic pets and barnyard animals are not allowed. Images not conforming to these rules may be disqualified. If time permits, another image may be submitted.
- Night photography. All photos must have been taken during refuge hours; from sunrise to sunset.
- Images taken prior to January 1, 2021.

Submission Guidelines

- Participants may only compete in one (1) tier.
- Images are to be **submitted in JPEG format** by email to savannahcoastalrefuges@gmail.com.
- Images should be at least **4,500 pixels** on the **long side** to achieve the best print possible.
- All image shapes are acceptable, however, odd shaped images may not print cleanly on a standard 11"x14" print and borders may be added by the Judges to achieve conformity.

By completing a submission to the Contest, you verify that your image(s) conform to these terms and conditions.

The winning images will be printed as closely as possible to a standard 11"x14" size and will be displayed for public exhibition at the Cedar House Gallery, located at 122 E 36th St, Savannah, GA 31401, for a period of one (1) week from October 5th, 2022 through October 11th, 2022. The contest, and public exhibition, will end October 11th, 2022. Following the exhibition, images may also be displayed for public viewing at the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Visitor Center, located at 694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville, SC 29927.

As a condition of entering the Contest, participants grant the Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges a two-year, from the contest end date, non-exclusive license for any purpose which may include but not limited to advertising, promotion and marketing in printed and/or electronic form, and allows any assignees of Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges, including but not limited to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, usage for promotional, informational and educational purposes only. Copyright for all images will remain with the photographer, and attribution will be given for all images used.

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Winning prints on display during the exhibition may be sold to the general public to help defray the costs of hosting the contest. Winners will be allowed first-right-of-refusal to their own images at a cost TBD by Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges.

Prizes

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Best in Show: One (1) winner will receive \$100.

1st Place: Each category winner will receive \$50.

2nd Place: Each category runner-up will receive \$25 in Gator Hole store credit.

3rd Place: Each category second runner-up will receive a one (1) year standard membership (\$15 value) to Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges. (Existing members will receive a one (1) year standard renewal (\$15 value) upon the end of their current

membership period.)

Judges

A panel of local professional photographers, Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges members, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service members and local elected officials will serve as judges for the Contest. Names and brief bios will be announced prior to August 14th, 2022 on the website of Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges, www.coastalrefuges.org.

Schedule

- **Entry Submission Window:** Opens April 14th, 2022 – Closes August 14th, 2022 at 11:59:59pm EST.
- **Announcement of Results:** Winners will be notified no later than September 21st, 2022 if their images have been selected for exhibition. All images will be included in an online gallery for public viewing on October 5th, 2022.
- **Exhibition Reception:** On October 7th, Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges will host a public reception at Cedar House Gallery to celebrate the conclusion of the photo contest. The general public is invited to attend the reception.

Please cut and paste the following information in bold into your emailed submission for each of your images. Submissions with incomplete information by the submission deadline will not be eligible to compete in the contest. Entry fees for such disqualified submissions will not be returned.

- ✓ **Image File Name:** (Match name to the actual file you submit)
- ✓ **Name of Refuge where photo was taken:** Can only be from Pinckney Island, Savannah, Wassaw, Harris Neck or Blackbeard Island
- ✓ **Tier:** Professional, Amateur or Youth
- ✓ **Category:** Wildlife or Landscape
- ✓ **Copyright:** Photographer's name, date image was taken and birth date (if submitting under the Youth tier)