

# Loxahatchee River 2018 Amateur Photography Contest

## DETAILS & INSTRUCTIONS

The River Center is proud to announce the return of the annual Loxahatchee River Amateur Photography Contest. This competition is open to all amateur photographers and exceptional entries may be included in River Center and Loxahatchee River District (LRD) publications.

### CONTEST CATEGORIES & LEVELS

#### Category descriptions:

Fauna – Animal(s) focused photograph including fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, invertebrates, etc.

Flora – A plant (or plants) is the focus of the photograph. Animals are NOT featured in these submissions. If an animal is present, the submission may be moved to the “Fauna” category.

Human Interaction – Focus on people and nature interactions, BOTH positive and negative reactions are encouraged.

#### Levels:

1. 17 & under – Level directed toward students interested in photography
2. General Amateur – All contestants ages 18 years and older

NOTE: The content of all photo submissions should involve situations, species, and materials found along, in, or on the Loxahatchee River. Non-native species found in the area may be included. Photos not taken directly on the Loxahatchee, but containing appropriate subject matter, are permitted. Underwater submissions are acceptable. Submissions that do not meet these criteria will be disqualified for content.

### PRIZES

Winners will be awarded as follows: 1 grand prize; 1st, 2nd, and 3th place for each category and level. Winners will be determined for each category. Grand Prize receives a cash award. Winning photographs will be displayed at the River Center and on our website.

### JUDGING

Expert photographers will evaluate all approved entries in a CLOSED judging session. Winners are chosen based on the following criteria: image impact and content (message and feelings invoked), clarity, color, contrast, composition, lighting, and any pertinent photographic quality standards. All accepted photo submissions will be available for public viewing during the Photo Contest Unveiling at the River Center on Friday, October 26th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. This FREE event includes the official announcement of all winners and honorable mentions in all categories. Contest Judges shall be present for the Unveiling and, at their discretion, may provide critiques and speak personally with contestants at the event. Attendance the night of unveiling is not required to receive a prize.

Please contact the River Center for more information on this event.

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### OFFICIAL RULES

- Contest opening: 8:00 am September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Deadline for submission: 4:00 pm October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Entry Fee: \$10 per photo
  - Repeated Entries: An individual may submit up to **3 entries per category** and may enter multiple categories.
  - Once you have paid your entry fee/fees, you will be emailed a link to our contest dropbox to upload your submissions. You will not receive the link without registering your entries.
- All images must be submitted in **electronic format**
  - Electronic images must have a minimum quality of 300 dpi and 2500 pixels at the longest dimension in jpeg format. Files submitted to the Dropbox should not exceed 6 megabytes.
  - E-mailed submissions will **not be accepted.**
  - If you need assistance with submissions, please contact the River Center.
  - Photos shall not contain elements that were not present when the photo was taken, or have major elements removed. Entries may not be altered beyond minor color correction (i.e. brightness, contrast).
- Only photos taken within the past 24 months (no earlier than January 1, 2016) are eligible. Previous contest entries are not eligible for re-submission.
- All recognizable persons featured in a photograph must sign a photo release granting the photographer and the River Center permission to use their likeness. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the release on their behalf. (This form is included with the registration packet.)
- You may enter images of captive animals or propagated plants
- River Center and Loxahatchee River District employees and their immediate family may submit photographs but are not eligible to enter the general amateur contest. Their submissions will be judged separately.
- Entrant must have taken the photo(s) and have all rights to its/their distribution and use.
- **By submitting your photo(s), you agree to allow The River Center and Loxahatchee River District to publish the image(s) in the future in any medium. A photo credit will run with the photo.**
- Photo submissions may be re-printed for use in the River Center gift shop. This includes photo prints and/or promotional items.
- **The decision of the judges is final; the judges reserve the right to move photo entries to other categories as they see fit.**
- **The rules must be followed exactly as defined; otherwise the entry (entries) will be disqualified.** The River Center reserves the right to change the category of a submission or disqualify any entry deemed inappropriate for content.

For questions or additional details regarding the 2018 Photography Contest and Photo Contest Unveiling Event, please contact: Sara Duggan at RiverCenter@Lrecd.org or call the River Center at (561)743-7123.

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### Photo Submission Entry Fee Steps:

To make a contest submission you must first purchase an entry or entries through this website:

<http://lrdrivercenter.org/photo2018>

- 1) Select the number of artist(s) purchasing entries.
- 2) Please select which category you would like to enter and how many photos (up to 3 in each category) you would like to submit.

**You may enter up to 3 photos in each category, and you may enter multiple categories.**

Each entry is **\$10**.

You must register an entry fee before every submission. Or purchase multiple (up to 3 in each category) across the various categories.

- 3) Once you have registered your entry fee(s) you will receive a link to submit your photo.

Make sure the number of submissions matches how many entries you have paid for.

For example: if you want to submit 2 photos into the Fauna category and 2 photos in the Flora category, you will need to have purchased 4 entries at \$10 each.

If your submissions and entries purchased do not add up, we will judge the first photos received for your allotted entry amount. You may also purchase more entries in each category at any time during the competition, but you can only submit up to three photographs in each category.

- 4) Submissions must be electronic, through our Dropbox link. No emailed submissions will be counted.
- 5) Upload your submission or submission to the dropbox folder. Once uploaded you will not be able to edit or remove any content from the folder.
- 6) Please make sure to label the image in this format: **First Initial, Last Name, Category, Photo Title**

example: SDuggan Fauna Eagles In flight.jpeg

example: MHarris Flora Daisies.jpeg

If at any time you need assistance with your submissions or have questions, please contact Sara Duggan at 561-743-7123 or [Sara.Duggan@Lrecd.org](mailto:Sara.Duggan@Lrecd.org).