



2019 BEAVER CREEK RESERVE Amateur Nature Photo Contest

Photo Contest Rules:

1. Open to all amateur photographers, except for employees of Beaver Creek Reserve and contest sponsors.
2. All photos must be taken in the "Upper Greater Lakes Region."
3. Wildlife photographs must be of animals in the wild following wildlife ethics as listed at <http://www.naturephotographers.net/ethics.html>
4. Image manipulation is limited to cropping and minor color and contrast adjustments. Visible watermarks or signatures are not permitted.
5. Limit of 10 total photograph entries with no more than 3 per category.
6. To better accommodate all types of photographers we will once again offer a division for all category photos taken with a phone or tablet cameras.
7. Every photograph must be accompanied by a separate and completed entry form. Photo release forms must be submitted with entries that have any person whose face is visible.
8. Entry fees are as follows: Adults \$3 per photo; Youth Photographers (ages 15 and under) will be charged \$1 per photo. Payment must be received with entries. Checks can be made payable to Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve.

Entries must be received both in digital format and as a print by Saturday, June 15 at 4 pm. (All postage fees are the responsibility of the contest participant.)

- ♦ Digital entries can be emailed to brianna@beavercreekreserve.org in jpeg format, sized for 2048x1536 resolution or sent on a disc to Beaver Creek Reserve, S1 County Road K, Fall Creek, WI, 54712.
 - ♦ Prints must be a minimum of 8"x10" and a maximum of 12"x16" and include matting (no frames). We highly encourage use of a professional or commercial printer.
9. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges. The adult division has 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners per category and the youth division and phone/tablet camera division has 1st place winners per category. Prizes will be awarded to winners from Sharp Photo & Portrait. Contest photos will be exhibited at the Wise Nature Center from mid-August through early October. All prints **must be picked up by Monday, November 5th**. Any remaining prints after the deadline will become property of Beaver Creek Reserve.
 10. Photos for the 2020 Nature Calendar will be chosen from all photo entries. Selection preference is given to photos that are taken in landscape (horizontal), depict one of the four seasons, and showcase Beaver Creek Reserve. Participants will be notified if chosen.



Photo Contest Categories:

- ♦ **Art in Nature** – naturally occurring patterns, lines, shapes; can be expansive, close-up, or macro images
- ♦ **Beaver Creek Reserve** – photos taken on site in compliance with Reserve rules
- ♦ **People Connecting with Nature** – required photo release from any person whose face is visible
- ♦ **Plants, Landscapes & Natural Objects** – minimal evidence of human-made structures
- ♦ **Birds** – with their popularity, we now have a category just for our feathered friends!
- ♦ **Wildlife** – everything from insects to mammals (but not birds)

Photo Contest Divisions:

- ♦ **Adult Division** – ages 16 & up
- ♦ **Youth Division** – ages 15 & under
- ♦ **Phone/Tablet Camera Division** – all ages

Please complete the following information for each photo entry. (Limit of 10 photograph entries with no more than 3 per category. Include photo releases for People Connecting with Nature category.)

NOTE: Entering the contest gives Beaver Creek Reserve the right to royalty-free reproduction of photography for use in marketing, social media, display, and fundraising, including sale of the Nature Calendar.

Name		Phone #	
Email			
Address			
City		State	ZIP Code
Category:		Division:	
Title:			
Location of Photo:			

Beaver Creek Reserve – Photo Release:

I hereby grant permission to Beaver Creek Reserve to use visual images of myself and/or any minor under my control at the time of the recording for the 2019 Amateur Photo Contest. I also grant Beaver Creek Reserve to use these photographic images in official publications, productions, displays and on the Internet without any consideration. I hereby irrevocably authorize Beaver Creek Reserve to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute these images for any lawful purpose. I am at least 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and fully understand the content, meaning and impact of this photo release.

DATE

PRINT NAME OF MINOR

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

PHONE OR EMAIL