



BEAVER CREEK RESERVE

Amateur Nature Photo Contest

Photo Contest Rules:

1. Open to all amateur photographers, except for employees of Beaver Creek Reserve and their families 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 **5 total photograph entries** with no more than 2 per category.
6. To better accommodate all types of photographers, and with new camera developments on phones and tablets, all photographs will be accepted no matter the technology used to take the picture.
7. Every photograph must be accompanied by a separate and completed entry form. Photo releases must be submitted with entries that have any person whose face is visible.
8. There is no fee to enter in a photograph.
9. **Entries must be received both in digital format and as a print between Monday, January 3rd, 2022 and Monday, February 28th, 2022.** Entries will not be accepted after Feb. 28th at 3:00 p.m. (All postage fees are the responsibility of the contest participant.)
 - ♦ Prints must be dropped off or mailed to Beaver Creek Reserve, S1 County Road K, Fall Creek, WI 54742.
 - 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.
 - ♦ Digital entries can be emailed to outreach@beavercreekreserve.org in jpeg format, sized for 2048x1536 resolution or sent on a disc to Beaver Creek Reserve (address above).
10. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges. The adult division has 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners per category and the youth division has 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Prizes will be awarded to winners from Sharp Photo & Portrait. Contest photos will be exhibited at the Wise Nature Center from mid-March through late-May. All prints **must be picked up by Tuesday, May 31st, 2022.** Any remaining prints after the deadline will become property of Beaver Creek Reserve.
11. Photographs will be used for marketing and promotional purposes for Beaver Creek Reserve. If Beaver Creek Reserve decides to make another Nature Calendar, participants will be notified if their entries were chosen for the calendar.

Photo Contest Divisions:

- ♦ **Adult Division** – ages 16 & up
- ♦ **Youth Division** – ages 15 & under



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** – a category just for our feathered friends
- ♦ **Wildlife** – everything from insects to mammals (but not birds), butterflies in the BCR Butterfly House are considered captive and are not “wild”

Please complete the following information for each photo entry. (Limit of 5 photograph entries with no more than 2 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:

- As the photographer, I was given permission by the people in this photo to release the image to Beaver Creek Reserve to use for the 2022 Amateur Nature Photo Contest. I am at least 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name, and if I am not at least 18 years of age, my parent/guardian agrees to these terms and conditions.
- I grant Beaver Creek Reserve permission to freely publish and use these photographic images in official media publications, productions, promotional materials, and displays without my approval. 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.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE (parent/guardian if photographer is a minor)

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL