



Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge 2017 Amateur Photo Contest



Eligibility

The contest is open to all amateur photographers. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees and Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges are excluded from the contest.

For the purposes of this contest a professional photographer is considered to be a photographer who has clients, profits from the sale of their photography, markets their services and/or writes off their expenses as a business owner.

Submission Requirements

Only photographs taken at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge will be accepted. One photograph per person may be submitted. Entries must be submitted as a 5 x 7 photograph complete with an approximately 2-inch wide, flat, white mat. Please use the form on the second page and attach it to the back of your mat.

Entries must be received at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge by **Saturday, September 30, 2017, or postmarked by Wednesday, September 20, 2017 to be entered into the contest.** You can drop off your entry at the Visitor Center Information Desk Wednesdays through Sundays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm or mail your entry to Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, 6550 Gateway Road, Building 121, Commerce City, CO 80022, Attn: Susan Drobniak, Photo Contest Entry.

Judging

Submittals will be on display at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center from October 4 through December 31, 2017. Public voting will begin October 4 and close November 26, 2017. Only 1 vote per person is allowed throughout the voting period. Ballots will be available at the Visitor Center. Winners will be announced and contacted in early December.

Winning Entries

The top 3 winning entries will be reproduced into postcards and will be available for sale at Nature's Nest Books and Gifts managed by the Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges and is located in the Refuge Visitor Center. Photo credit and title of the image will be included on the postcard.

Release

By entering the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge 2017 Amateur Photo Contest, participants agree to release their photograph to Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for unlimited use if it is selected as a winning entry. Unlimited use includes reproduction for publications, displays, web pages, presentations and other promotional products. Credit will always be given to the photographer. The photographer retains the copyright of their photograph.

Participants also agree to submit a 300 dpi photograph on a CD of their winning image by December 9, 2017, and allow the Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges to produce their winning entry into a postcard that will be sold at Nature's Nest Books and Gifts. All proceeds from the postcards will go to Nature's Nest Books and Gifts to support Refuge programming, projects, volunteers, and environmental education for kids.

Winning participants also agree to release their image to the Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges to be enlarged, framed, and auctioned at future fundraising events. Funds from the auction will belong to the Friends Group to support Refuge programs.

General

All entries will remain on display through December 31, 2017. Entries may be picked up at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center beginning January 5, 2018. For further details please call the Visitor Center at 303-289-0930 or by e-mail at susan_drobniak@fws.gov.



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NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TITLE OF PHOTOGRAPH: _____

GENERAL REFUGE LOCATION PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN: _____

Please attach the information to the back of your white matted photograph

By entering the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge 2017 Amateur Photo Contest, I agree to release my image to the Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for unlimited use, and will supply a high resolution CD file of my entry, if my image is selected as a winning entry.
