



Photo Contest

1. Time Frame and Categories

1. The Preble County Park District Photo Contest entries accepted from **January 1– August 31, 2023**. Ribbons, Prizes & Awards will be announced and presented at the **Photo Contest Awards Ceremony Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 4PM during Our 20 Year Anniversary Celebration @ Wild Hearts African Farm, 8079 Salem Road, Lewisburg, OH 45338**.
2. Photos must be taken at one of our two parks and/or Wild Hearts African Farm:
 1. The Allen & Adaline Garber Nature Center @ 9691 OH-503 North, Lewisburg, OH
 2. The Herbert & Patricia Wagers' Memorial Park (Devil's Backbone), 1301 OH-725 West, Camden, OH
 3. Wild Hearts African Farm, 8079 Salem Road, Lewisburg, OH
3. The photo contest includes the following three categories.
 1. Landscapes, Plants, Water, Trees or any combination.
 2. Animal, Bird, Insects or any combination.
 3. People Enjoying the Outdoors in one of our two parks or both and/or Wild Hearts African Farm: this category includes photographs of people spending time enjoying and exploring Wild Hearts and Preble County's great outdoors.

2. Ribbons & Awards

1. \$100 First Place Prize Cash Awards and gift basket in each of the three categories.
2. \$50 Second Place Prize Cash Awards and gift basket in each of the three categories.
3. \$25 Third Place Prize Cash Awards and gift basket in each of the three categories.
4. Ribbons to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Winners in each of the three categories.
5. \$100 to the Favorite Photo as voted by the Photo Contest Event Attendees.
6. \$100 to the Best-Displayed Photo at the Photo Contest Event.
7. Winners featured on one of our Park's Commemorative Postcard Collection.

3. Who May Enter

1. This contest is open to photographers of any age and of any skill level. However, judges of the contest, Employees and Commissioners of the Preble County Park District, Employees of Wild Hearts may participate, but may only win "Favorite Photo" as voted by the event participants.

4. What You May Enter

1. You may submit up to three photographs per category with a maximum of nine total entries in order to increase your chances of winning.

2. You must select one of the three categories for each photo submitted.
3. Do not submit duplicate photos in multiple categories.
4. **All photographs must be taken at either or both of our parks (The Garber Nature Center or Wagers' Memorial Park) and/or Wild Hearts African Farm.**

5. Technical Requirements

1. All photographs must include photographer name, photo caption or title, contact information as well as the location and/or address information of the photo.
2. Photos must be submitted in JPEG format and must be available as high-resolution files (**preferred at 300 DPI with at least 2400 pixels on the long side**).
3. Applicants must submit a completed Photo Contest Entry and Release Form for each entry. Minors must also have a Parent's signature on the Entry & Release Form.
4. Photos must be your own original work.
5. Please, no watermarks or added text.
6. If you are a semifinalist in each category, the park district may contact you to request a high-resolution file. If you are unable to produce an image of sufficient resolution, an alternate semifinalist will be selected.
7. If you are a semifinalist in each category, A minimum 5" x 7" sized printed photo must also be included with your entry at the day of the Contest Awards Ceremony in order to win the cash prize.
8. A larger print may be displayed on the contest day for a better chance to win the "Best Displayed" category.

6. How May I Submit My Photo(s)

1. Image(s) may be emailed to pcpdevents@gmail.com or mailed to: PCPD Photo Contest, PO Box 577, Lewisburg, OH 45338. Image(s) must be uploaded by **11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2023. Applicants must also complete the necessary online entry forms before uploading their photograph(s).**
2. Contact the Park District at pcpdevents@gmail.com or call 937-962-5561, if you have questions.

7. Rights

1. By completing the entry form(s) and submitting photo(s), the applicant is agreeing to the Official Contest Rules and will grant the Preble County Park District and Wild Hearts African Farm the right to use their photo entry (ies) for publishing, illustration, advertising, trade and promotion, or any other use in any medium for any purpose of the Preble County Park District and Wild Hearts African Farm.
2. The applicant will hold the Preble County Park District and Wild Hearts African Farm harmless from any and all liability that might arise out of or result from the foregoing use.
3. The applicant's entry (ies) signifies the applicant will abide by all rules, including they will provide a true signature if image is selected in the contest.

8. Judging

1. Entries will be judged on subject matter, composition, artistry, drama and technical excellence.
2. A panel of judges selected by the Preble County Park District will select the top two finalists in each category, from which the first place, best displayed and runner up photos will be determined. The attendees will vote once to determine the "favorite photo" winner.
3. Applicants are given the opportunity to enter multiple photographs to increase their chances of winning; however, a photographer will only be allowed to win first place in one category in order to increase others' chance to win.
4. Winning photographs will be featured on the Preble County Park District's website at preblecountyparks.org, social media, Commemorative Postcards and displayed by the Preble County Park District.

8. Good luck to all!