

2012 “A Green & Playful World” Youth Nature Photo Contest

CONTEST RULES

The “A Green & Playful World” Photo Contest is designed to give your child a way in which to showcase people and their relationships with their local wild places and working landscapes. The Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy sponsors the Youth Nature Photo Contest.

1. PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- Participation is FREE and open to amateur photographers who are between the ages 6 to 18 years old as of the contest period.
- Participants will be grouped into the following three divisions:
 - **Division I** Ages 6 – 9
 - **Division II** Ages 10 – 13
 - **Division III** Ages 14 – 18

The purpose of this contest is to expose youth to nature and photography by encouraging exploration of the outdoors. While it is expected that adults may accompany youth in their photography pursuits, it is **CRITICAL** that *the youth photographer be the one that operates the camera and takes the original image to be submitted. Please remember this is a youth contest* and all photographs be taken by the registered youth participant.

2. PHOTO GUIDELINES

- **SUBJECT MATTER:** All images must be taken outdoors in the counties of Union, Snyder and Northumberland. The photographer’s goal is to capture the theme “A Green & Playful World.” Photos must feature images that reflect people engaged in outdoor activities in natural settings.





- Photos which contain recognizable persons will require signed release forms by the subject. See **SUBJECT RELEASE FORM**.
- **LOCATION:** Photos may be taken anywhere legally permitted within the three (3) counties of Union, Snyder and Northumberland. Photos not taken within the designated counties will be disqualified. Participants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person or submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

3. CONTEST PERIOD

- The photo contest begins **Monday, January 9, 2012** and ends **6:00 pm on Sunday, April 15, 2012**.
 - NOTE: There is no one "registration date", it is a "rolling entry". Youth may enter their photos anytime during **January 9, 2012 through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2012**.
- All images and required information must be submitted no later than **6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2012**. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Earth Day, **Sunday, April 22, 2012** at **1 p.m.** at the Dale Engle Walker House. All entrants and their families are invited as guests.

4. PHOTO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **FORMAT:** Entry must be submitted as a digital photo in a .jpeg format and sent as an attachment in an e-mail to pattiearduini@yahoo.com.
- **LIMIT:** Only one photo per participant may be submitted.
- **ENTRY FORM:** Participants are required to complete the **ENTRY FORM** which should accompany the e-mailed photo entry. The form should be cut and pasted into a word document and sent as an attachment along with the photo entry e-mail.

REQUIERED ENTRY INFORMATION

1. Photographer's name _____

2. Age Division: Division I(6-9) Division II(10-13) Division III(14-18) _____

3. Address _____

4. Phone # _____

5. Email Address _____

6. Location where the photo was taken :
(Example: "Mary Koons Trail, Mifflinburg, PA" OR "My Backyard in Kreamer, PA")

7. Photo Title: _____

8. Brief explanation of how this photo captures the theme "A Green & Playful World."

- **PHOTO RELEASE FORM:** The photo subject release portion must be completed and signed by all readily identifiable individuals appearing in each photograph (crowds, large group or public events are exempted).

Subjects that are minors **MUST** have a parent or legal guardian signature.

The completed release form should be scanned into a document and sent as an attachment along with your photo entry submission.

SUBJECT RELEASE FORM

**To be used if any of the subjects faces are recognizable in your submitted photos
Please carry this form with you when taking photos.**

PHOTOGRAPHER NAME _____

Subjects in photos release: By signing this release I have read and understand the Photo Release Information as provided by the photographer.

Name of person photographed (PLEASE PRINT) and Age (if minor)

Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Signature of person photographed and Date
Or signature of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18

Printed name of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18

Additional Subjects in photos release:

2. _____

Name of person photographed (PLEASE PRINT) Age (if minor)

Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Signature of person photographed and Date
Or signature of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18

Printed name of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18

- **DEADLINE:** All submissions (including photo and photo description) are required to be submitted on or before **Sunday, April 15 by 6:00 p.m.**

5. JUDGES & JUDGING

- Judging will consist of a panel comprised of Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy representatives, local professional photographers and community members.
- Photographs will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.
- All photo submissions must comply with contest rules and meet submission requirements.

6. AWARDS & PRIZES

- Each participant will receive a certificate of participation that will be distributed at the Awards Ceremony at the Dale Engle Walker House on **Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**
- Nine photos will be awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbons in the contest.
- There will be a total of three photos awarded ribbons in each of the three age group Divisions.
- Money prizes will be awarded to ribbon winners.

DIVISION I : (6 – 9)	DIVISION II: (10-13)	DIVISION III: (14-18)
1 st Place \$50.00	1 st Place \$50.00	1 st Place \$50.00
2 nd Place \$25.00	2 nd Place \$25.00	2 nd Place \$25.00
3 rd Place \$15.00	3 rd Place \$15.00	3 rd Place \$15.00

- The Awards Ceremony will take place at the Dale Engle Walker House on **Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 1 p.m.** Participants are invited to hike the Dales Ridge Trail following the ceremony. Dress appropriately for hiking.
<http://linnconservancy.org/trails/dales-ridge-trail/>



