



2020: Celebrating Farms and Woodlands of the Locust Fork Watershed.
Blount County - Awesome by Nature
 Showcase its natural beauty by submitting Photos

Photo Contest - General information:

- The Photo Contest is open to Adults and Teens (19 or younger).
- Six entries per photographer, accepted between April 1 - June 30, 2020.
- There is no entry fee.
- To submit entries: 1) Register at FLFR.org 2) Email **jpg** entries to photo@FLFRal.com

Prizes	1st	2nd	3rd
Adult Photographer	\$200	\$150	\$100
Teen Photographer (19 yrs or younger)	\$100	\$50	\$25
Business' Choice Awards \$100 for the best photo in each category. Either from teens or adults.			

There are 12 categories:

- **Birds, raptors & Sun-basking creatures**, for example: birds, hawks, ospreys, eagles, turtles, frogs, snakes, lizards, salamanders, fish.
- **Bugs & Butterflies**, for example: bees, butterflies, centipedes, dragonflies and spiders.
- **Farm buildings.**
- **Pastures and crops.**
- **Farm animals** such as chickens, cows, ducks, goats, horses, rabbits, sheep, etc
- **Farm life** people working, celebrating, cooking at a farm.
- **FLFR events** for example: kayak trips, hikes, Kids' Day on the River, floats, Locust Fork whitewater races, etc.
- **Furry creatures**, for example deer, foxes, beavers, otters, rabbits.
- **Habitat & Seasons:** covered bridges, outdoor scenes or landscapes in spring, summer, fall or winter, cliffs, rocks, caves, clouds, sky, sunsets and sunrises.
- **Locust Fork River or its tributaries**, lakes & waterfalls, for example: Blackburn Fork of Little Warrior, Calvert Prong of Little Warrior, Dry Creek, Graves Creek, Gurley Creek, Sand Valley Creek, Inland Lake, Highland Lake, McKay Lake, Mountain Lake and Sugarland Lake.
- **PIN - People and/or Pets in Nature:** activities along the river, lakes, its tributaries, waterfalls, or woods: bicycling, swimming, jumping, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, hiking or walking, camping, picnicking, etc
- **Roots & Shoots**, for example: wildflowers, foliage, mushrooms, moss, other parts of plants, and trees in the wild.

Rules for Photo Contest:

To submit your photographs:

- 1) Register your name and information: Go to FLFR.org and click on Upcoming events/Art & Photo Contest. Upon registration, you will be assigned a transaction ID#. 2) Email your name, age, transaction ID #, category, title of each photo, location and the jpg files, to photo@FLFRal.com.

For example: Jane Doe, 34, ID# 000007, Birds, Red Wing Hawk, near Swann Covered Bridge.

- Entries will be accepted between April 1 - June 30, 2020.
- Each photographer may submit up to 6 entries (No more). Choose from any of the categories.
- Photos may be color, or black & white.
- Photos must have been taken in 2018, 2019 or 2020.
- Eligible format is high-resolution digital images, jpeg. If you email from your phone do not reduce the size.
- File size is limited to 10 MB.
- Submitted photos should not have a visible name, date, border or any type of watermark.
- Minor adjustments of color/contrast, sharpening, spotting, dodging and burning are acceptable.
- Photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying special effects such as collage, photo composites or HDR are not acceptable and will be disqualified.

Judging:

- Judges will make selections based on 1) originality, 2) technical excellence, 3) outstanding representation of subject, 4) composition and 5) the story they tell.
- All submissions will be numbered & judged anonymously.
- The judges reserve the right to decide whether a category contains work that merits an award.

Photo Contest participants agree and certify the following:

- Photos were taken by the person whose name is on the registration.
- Photos were taken in Blount County, Alabama.
- Photos were taken in 2018, 2019 or 2020.
- By submitting a contest entry, you grant permission to Friends of the Locust Fork River, Blount Economic Development Council, any major donor of the contest, or sponsor of a Business Choice Award, to use your contest entry online and in print, and to distribute it through media including print, digital, online services and television. Nevertheless, you retain the right to use your contest entry in any way you choose.
- By submitting a contest entry, you assert you have obtained the consent of all identifiable persons to use their likenesses in your contest entry. Disregard this rule if the subjects in the photo are not identifiable.
- If your entry wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, or a Business' Choice Award, you agree that your photo will be printed and travel with the Exhibit from September 2020 and June 2021.
- Printed photos will not be returned to participants.

Notification & Award Ceremony:

- Winners will be notified by email no later than August 31, 2020.
- Prizes will be awarded to each winning photographer at the Award Ceremony at the Blount County Fair in September, and recognized throughout the traveling exhibit.

Traveling Exhibit:

- The winning photos will be printed and displayed in the traveling exhibit between September 2020 and July 2021.

If you have any questions please email: info@FLFRAL.com

Or write: FLFR, PO Box #638, Cleveland, AL 35049