Friends of the Locust Fork River

ART • PHOTO • VIDEO • POETRY CONTEST 2027

Blount County is Awesome by Nature

Photo Contest - General information:

1. The Photo Contest is open to Adults and Teens (13 - 18 years old).
2. Up to six total entries will be accepted year round until June 30th, 2027. The six entries can be a combination of photos or artwork or short video-clips or poetry from any of the categories and about Blount County.
3. There is no entry fee.
4. To submit entries: 1) Register at FLFR.org 2) Email **jpeg** entries to photo@FLFRal.com

Prizes	1st	2nd	3rd
Adult Photographer	$200	$150	$100
Teen Photographer (13-18 yrs old)	$100	$50	$25
11 Business' Choice Awards $100 for the best photo in each category either from teens or adults.			

There are 11 categories sponsored by Businesses:

- **Animals in Nature**, for example: armadillos, beavers, chipmunks, deer, foxes, otters, possums, rabbits, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, frogs, lizards, snakes, toads, terrapins, turtles etc. **Locust Fork Family Dentistry**
- **Birds & Raptors**, for example: birds, eagles, hawks, owls, ospreys, etc. **Spring Valley Beach**
- **Blount County Festivals, Events & Attractions.** Blount County is full of moments worth celebrating. From lively festivals and hometown traditions to unique attractions and local favorites, this category highlights the places and events that bring our community to life.
  Capture the energy of a crowd, the charm of downtown streets, the flavor of local food, live music, seasonal celebrations, and the experiences that make people want to come back again and again. Whether it's a small-town festival, a special event, or a can't-miss attraction, show us what makes Blount County unforgettable.
  "Wander a Little…discover a lot." #VisitBlountAL **Blount County Tourism**
- **Bugs, Butterflies & Spiders**, for example: bees, centipedes, dragonflies, spiders, etc. **Locust Fork Pharmacy**
- **Farm Life & Animals** for example: chickens, cows, ducks, goats, horses, rabbits, sheep, people working, celebrating and enjoying life at a farm, grazing grasses, fields, etc. **Stifel Investments**
- **FLFR Activities**, for example: KDoR, landscaping at the Grand Staircase, planting seedlings at the nursery, cleaning up riverbanks, water testing at the river, painting murals, etc. **The Blount Countian**

- **Habitat & Seasons**, for example: covered bridges, landscapes in spring, summer, fall or winter, cliffs, rocks, caves, clouds, sky, sunsets and sunrises, frozen fog, frost, snow, rain, etc. **Oneonta Dental Center**
- **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, natural and man-made ponds. **Black Warrior Riverkeeper**
- **"Paddle Splash"**, for example: people paddling in the river or a pond or lake, can be in a kayak or canoe or even on a home-made raft. **Alabama Scenic River Trail**
- **PIN - People and/or Pets in Nature**, for example, activities along the river, lakes, its tributaries, waterfalls, or woods: bicycling, swimming, jumping, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, hiking or walking, camping, picnicking, etc. **Blount Oneonta Chamber of Commerce**
- **Roots & Shoots**, for example: wildflowers, foliage, mushrooms, moss & trees in the wild. **Southland Gas**

Rules for Photo Contest:

To submit your photographs:

1) Register your name and information: Go to FLFR.org and click on: 2027 Art, Photo & Video 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 jpeg files, to **photo@FLFRal.com**. For example: Jane Doe, 34, ID# 000007, Birds & Raptors, Red Wing Hawk, at Swann Covered Bridge.

- Entries up to six total will be accepted year round until June 30, 2027.
- Each person may submit up to 6 entries. Details at the top under General Information, #2.
- Photos may be color, or black & white.
- Photos must have been taken in 2024, 2025, 2026 or 2027.
- 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 the 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 2024, 2025, 2026 or 2027.
- By submitting a contest entry, you grant permission to Friends of the Locust Fork River, 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 and a selfie will be printed on banners and displayed at various locations in Blount County.
- If you win you agree to be recorded for a short video clip about yourself that will be uploaded to FLFR's Youtube channel, Facebook and Instagram.

Notification & Award Ceremony:

- Winners will be notified by email no later than August 31, 2027.
- Prizes will be awarded to each winning photographer at the Awards Ceremony in September.

If you have any questions, email info@FLFRAL.com write: FLFR, PO Box 638, Cleveland, AL 35049