

2011 NACD/ CACD/ DCD Photo Contest

Submission Information and Rules

The NACD & CACD Auxiliary Photo Contest is open to amateur photographers who are residents of the United States or its territories. Participants can enter as many as five photos **total** each year. Each photo has to fit in one of the four natural resource or conservation photo categories listed below. *Please note changes in process for submission of jpegs of photos via email.*

NACD/CACD has provided required entry instructions that provide a complete description of how to submit photographs, accepted photo formats, judging, use of the photos and prizes. Please follow these instructions and guidelines carefully to ensure eligibility in the contest. For questions to NACD, please contact Susan Schultz at 317-326-2952 or by email at stewardship@nacdnet.org.

Photo Categories

Before taking your photos or submitting them for the contest, please review the following detailed explanation of the photo categories. Judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and change a photograph's category accordingly.

1. Conservation Practices
2. Close Up Conservation
3. Conservation in Action
4. Agriculture and Conservation Across America

Awards

One winner will be selected for each category and age division. CACD photo contest winners in each category will receive \$25. Persons age 19 and over as of December 1, 2011 will compete in the adult age division. Persons age 18 or younger will compete in the youth age division. Winning photos will be sent to the National Association of Conservation Districts contest. The NACD winner will then be displayed at NACD's Annual Meeting, which will be held in February in Las Vegas, NV.

Entry Instructions

Complete and Submit Entry and Photo Release Form for each photo entered. Forms must accompany picture and electronic version of photo when entered at CACD Annual Meeting on **November 1, 2011 by 5pm**.

Entry Guidelines

The deadline to enter the 2011 Photo Contest is **November 1, 2011 by 5pm**. All entry and photo release forms must accompany photograph. Participants can enter as many as five photos **total** each year. Only amateur photographers are eligible to compete. An amateur photographer is one whose majority of income does not come from photography.

In order to be eligible for the contest, entries must follow the guidelines below.

1. Multiple Submissions

If you intend to enter more than one photo (maximum of five photos per participant), you must complete an entry form and photo release form for **each** photo. Any photo without its own entry form and release form will not be considered for the contest.

2. Photo Format

Photos must have an electronic format available with the print photo (jpeg or tiff files *only*). Scanning is available at the Delta Conservation District, if needed. Each photo must be named according to the photo file name guidelines below.

3. Photo File Names

Photo files must be named by category, age division, last name, state and photo number. If you are submitting only one photo in a category, your photo number is 1. Additional photos in the same category should be numbered consecutively.

Name each photo file for entry as follows:

Conservation Practices

Adult: CP-A-LastName-State-#

Youth: CP-Y-LastName-State-#

Close Up Conservation

Adult: CUC-A-LastName-State-#

Youth: CUC-Y-LastName-State-#

Conservation in Action

Adult: CIA-A-LastName-State-#

Youth: CIA-Y-LastName-State-#

Ag/Conservation Across America

Adult: ACAA-A-LastName-State-#

Youth: ACAA-Y-LastName-State-#

For example, John Smith, a 16-year-old from Texas, wishes to submit three photos, one in the Close Up Conservation category and two in Conservation in Action. His file names would read as follows:

- CUC-Y-Smith-TX-1
- CIA-Y-Smith-TX-1
- CIA-Y-Smith-TX-2

Your photo must be labeled or named as outlined above to be eligible. TIP: To rename or label a photo, right-click the photo and choose Rename.

4. Digital Enhancement

Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner will be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.

5. Previously Published Photos

Do not send photo reproductions from a printed publication. Previously published photos are not eligible for the NACD Photo Contest.

6. Photo Rights

All entries can be used by NACD, CACD, Delta Conservation District and its partners, and NACD/CACD/DCD reserves the non-exclusive right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes. The photographer retains rights to their photo.

Required Forms

Completed signed forms must be received for entry to be eligible for contest.

1. Entry Form 2011 Photo Contest Entry & Release Form and Guidelines

Please note: If you intend to enter more than one photo (maximum of five photos total per participant), you must complete an entry form and photo release form for *each* photo. Any photo without its own entry form and release form will not be considered for the contest.

2. Model/Portrait Release: Photographs that include recognizable people must include a signed Model Release form before the photograph will be accepted into the photo contest and displayed. A parent or guardian must consent for people under 18 years old. The Model Release form must be attached to the Photo Entry form that you send through the mail. The Model/Portrait release form is included in the Entry form information.

Judging Standards

Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

For details on the Colorado poster contest, please contact Kristie Martin, Delta Conservation District, 970-874-5726 x121 or kristie.martin@co.nacdnet.net