

AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS 2022

1. This is an amateur photography contest. I confirm I am not a professional and am not compensated for my photographic work.
2. All photographs must be taken within the designated area of Trap Pond State Park properties which include Trussum Pond and Barns Woods.
3. All images must be taken by the individual that has registered for the contest.
4. All images must be taken between Fall 2021 and August 15, 2022. Trap Pond staff will be able to check digital stamp on images.
5. The only adjustments that can be made to the photographs are cropping, contrast levels, brightness/shadows, color balancing, and saturation. **No** photo shopping allowed.
6. If any individual faces are in your images, *you will need to get written consent from them to submit those images.*
7. All images must have a component of the category that it is being submitted in.
8. All images must be submitted by **August 15, 2022** to be eligible for judging.

SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Please submit up to four 8X10 photographs (one/season) with an Artist Placard for each (sheet of paper taped to the back of each image with Title of photograph, photographer's Name, Email, Phone number, Address, Category entered in, Camera used, Age group).
2. Place all images along with attached placard for each into an envelope with your name, phone number, address and email on the outside of the envelope.
3. Drop off envelopes at the Trap Pond Camp Store (in photo box) or Baldcypress Nature Center Office **No Later Than August 15, 2022.**

4. To mail in your photographs, send envelopes to:
Trap Pond State Park 33587 Baldcypress Lane, Laurel
DE 19956 Attn: Nature Center.

JUDGING

1. Categories will be seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer
2. Pictures will be grouped into Youth (12 and under) and Adult (13 and above).
3. Each individual will have the opportunity to submit one photograph per category. It is not necessary to submit in every category.
4. Photographs must be 8X10 sizes. It can be on any type of paper. *Photos will not be returned.*
5. An Artist Placard must be submitted with each picture (see above).
6. After August 15th three judges will evaluate the printed 8X10 images by category for Conformance, Creativity, Composition, Technical Merit, Distinction/Impact (all topics covered in the photography classes). **ALL DECISIONS BY JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.**

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at a Trap Pond Partner meeting open to the public (date is to be determined) and winners will be displayed in the Nature Center that day. All registrants will be notified by email of the date.

Each category and age group will have a First Place winner. Winners will receive \$100 cash, Annual Park pass, and Pontoon boat ride (compliments of Nature Center). Youth will receive a free day camp. Adults will receive \$50 Camp Store credit.

There will be a Grand Prize winner that will receive \$200 cash, everything from First Place except cash PLUS Free two-night cabin rental or campsite stay (compliments of Trap Pond State Park). The Grand Prize photo will hang in the Nature Center.