

TRAP POND PARTNERS
2023 AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST
RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 and 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 September 25, 2022 and August 9, 2023.** 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 at the Nature Center by August 11, 2023 to be eligible for judging.

SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Please submit up to four 8X10 photographs (preferably one/season) with an Artist Placard attached to the back of each submittal. Placards can be found at trappondpartners.com, Trap Pond Camp Store or Nature Center.
2. Place all images along with **fully completed** attached placard for each into an envelope and take it to the Nature Center, or mail it to: Trap Pond State Park, Attention: Nature Center, 33587 Baldcypress Lane, Laurel, DE. 19956.
3. **All entries must be AT the Nature Center by Friday, August 11, 2023.**

JUDGING

1. **Categories will be seasons: Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer**

2. Pictures will be grouped into Youth (12 yrs and under) and Adult (13 yrs 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 photo paper. *Photos will not be returned.*
5. An Artist Placard must be submitted with each picture.
6. After August 11th, independent judges will evaluate the printed 8X10 images by category. **ALL DECISIONS BY JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.**

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

We may give a free photography class dealing with the elements judged: Conformance, composition, creativity, technical merit and distinction/impact. Classes will be announced on Trap Pond Partners and Trap Pond State Park websites later. They will be about 2 hours on Saturday or Sunday.

AWARDS (General Public & Trap Pond Partners)

Awards will be presented at a Trap Pond Partner meeting or event open to the public (date is to be determined), and winners will be displayed 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.

Each category will also have an Honorable Mention awarded. They will get \$50 cash, Pontoon boat ride (compliments of Nature Center) and picture displayed at Trap Pond Partners event.

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