

Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends Photography Contest Guidelines

The 2020 Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends (RWR Friends) Photo Contest is the first ever for the organization. The contest is for everyone to share their love of wildlife, nature, and the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

There are multiple categories, and you may enter as many times as you like. All ages are encouraged to enter, however those aged 13 and under will be entered into the Young Photographer category.

Deadline for submission is 8 PM on October 14, 2020.

The Categories:

- **Wildlife** (fish, animals, birds, reptiles, insects)
- **Habitat** (flowers, trees, grass, landscapes, seascapes, skies)
- **People Enjoying the Refuge** (fishing, hunting, hiking, paddling, photographing, studying)
- **Young Photographer** (all categories combined)

Guidelines:

1. The contest is open to all, regardless of age or whether you are a member of the RWR Friends. Entries in the Young Photographer category (13 and younger) will be judged separately.
2. You may submit as many entries as you want, regardless of category.
3. The image file name of each photograph submitted should be formatted as follows: Photo contest Category – Photo Title – Last name. i.e. Wildlife – Soaring Free – Jones
4. Photographic Images need not be taken on the Refuge, but they must feature animals, habitat, or people enjoying wildlife or habitat typical of that found on the Refuge.
5. For each entry, provide the name and contact information for the photographer. Minors (anyone under 18) must also provide name

and contact information for a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult.

6. Images must be between 5MB and 30MB. We may ask for a higher resolution if your photo is selected as a Winner or Honorable Mention.
7. We would appreciate, but do not require information about your entry such as the location, camera and lens, ISO, shutter speed, and f/stop.
8. By entering you grant the Refuge and the RWR Friends a non-exclusive license for use of your image. Possible uses include our website, posts to our social media platforms, and inclusion in print and marketing. Credit to the Photographer will be included with each image use. We reserve the right to reject the image for copyright or trademark infringement, inappropriate content, or infringement of a third party.
9. Images must be submitted by 8 PM on October 14, 2020.

How to Submit Your Entries

There are two ways for you to submit your entries:

1. Send photo by email to Contest@RWRFriends.org.
2. Upload photo to SmugMug at <https://rwrfriends.smugmug.com/upload/NQ3R4S/photocontest>

Prizes and Awards

1. The Grand Prize winner and the Category winners will be displayed on the RWR Friends website, Facebook page and newsletter.
2. Winning and special mention images will be considered for future display in a public art gallery.
3. All Young Photographers will receive a digital badge for their photo(s) and printed certificate for their entries. Young Photography Winner and Honorable Mentions will receive a commemorative gift.