



Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup (NWW) 2011 Wildlife + Nature Photo Contest

Official Rules and Entry Requirements:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: The NWW is open to ALL photographers. Photographs will be entered into one of two categories: adult (15 years old by May 31, 2011 or older), and youth (14 years old by May 31, 2011 or younger). Void where prohibited. Photo contest preliminary judges are not eligible to enter. The NWW reserves the right to verify, in their sole judgment, winner eligibility.

NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED.

WHAT PHOTOS TO ENTER: We are looking for signature photos that capture the essence of living with wildlife and nature in the Ninemile, Sixmile, and Alberton regions. This includes but is not limited to all wildlife (mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects, and fish) and nature (landscapes, plants, fungi, etc.).

DEADLINE: Photo submissions will be accepted between **June 1 and August 1, 2011**. The final date for submitting photos is at August 1, 2011, 11:59 pm Mountain Time. To avoid submission delays, please do not wait until the final days of the contest to enter. NOTE: a maximum of 3 photos per person will be accepted.

JUDGING: Preliminary judging of photographs will be conducted by at least three members of the NWW Board; judges are ineligible to enter. Judges will narrow the submissions to ~25 images based on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit.

The ~25 images will then undergo a People's Vote at the annual NWW Appreciation Potluck that will be held on August 21, 2011, at the Ninemile Community Center at 4:00 to 7:00pm.

Six finalists (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place photos for both categories) will be based on a tally of the People's Vote. A Grand Prize winner will also be selected based on the most votes received in the People's Vote, regardless of age category. All people present at the Appreciation Potluck will be able to vote for one youth and one adult photograph only. All photographs will be exhibited without the photographer's name until after the voting period ends.



The top 3 finalists for both youth and adult categories will be announced by the end of the annual NWW Appreciation Potluck (August 21, 2011), as will the Grand Prize winner. All winners will receive a small monetary prize and will be required to execute a statement of eligibility, release of liability, and publicity release. Failure to do so will render a contest participant ineligible to receive a prize. Photographers do not need to be present at the Appreciation Potluck to receive a prize. All finalists' photos will be published on the NWW website and in NWW newsletter(s).

PRIZES: Cash prizes totaling \$120 will be awarded, along with being published on the NWW website and in NWW newsletter(s).

Youth and Adult Prizes:

1st place photo: \$20

2nd place photo: \$10

3rd place photo: \$5

Grand Prize:

\$50

HOW TO ENTER: Up to three (3) photos per entrant will be accepted. All entrants must sign and fully provide the information requested on the 2011 NWW Photo Contest Entry Form BEFORE the contest deadline (postmarked BEFORE August 1, 2011, at 11:59 MT). NOTE: entrants younger than 18 years old must also include a parent/guardian signature to enter.

Entrants must email no more than three 300 dpi (high-resolution) photo(s) and the completed and scanned Entry form to:
ninemilewildlife@gmail.com

If entrants are unable to scan the Entry form, please post mail the completed and signed form to: Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup, PO Box 435, Huson, MT 59846 USA

All images must be digitally submitted by email to:
ninemilewildlife@gmail.com. We will not accept mailed or shipped photographs. You will need to include your full name, age, address, city, state, zip, phone, and email address when submitting your photos as per the 2011 NWW Photo Contest Entry Form. Anything received after the deadline outlined above will not be entered.



Prepare Your Photos: Camera-made digital images or scans of slides or prints must be uploaded as .jpg, .png, or .tiff files. Photos should be no smaller than 5 x 7 inches at 300 pixels/inch. File size cannot be more than 2 MB.

Picture filenames must contain:

- 1) your name
- 2) the name of wildlife/nature pictured, and
- 3) end with ".jpg", ".png", or ".tiff"

Example filename: JoeSmith_bullelk.jpg

HOW TO CONTACT US: Questions and inquiries regarding contest rules or technical matters, can be emailed to ninemilewildlife@gmail.com.

YOUR RIGHTS: Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of the photographs they enter except for the following: Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your entered photographs and your name, city, state and country of residence to be published on the NWW website, NWW newsletter(s), or other products that include newspapers, magazines, websites, and used for promotions of the this contest, also including, but not limited to, publications from the NWW that may include exhibitions, a photo contest calendar, a compilation book or electronic collection of photographs, online photo features and contests, and web pages and emails providing NWW information. You agree that the NWW do not have any limit on time or promotional use of your photograph(s), and that the NWW's use of your photograph(s) may occur in any media or place including without limitation print, electronic, digital, television, advertising, online, trade show displays, posters, or any public relations promotion including the ability to share your photograph(s) for any promotional features or uses.

LEGAL CONDITIONS: By entering this competition, you agree to these entry rules and the following legal conditions:

By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that participant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph. The NWW reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it (they) finds in its (their) sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true.



Decisions of the NWW shall be final and binding on any matter related to this contest.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless the NWW, its (their) affiliated organizations, and each of their board members and representatives (collectively called, "The Organization") from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or related to the NWW, any prize won, any use of the entry materials by the NWW, the warranties participants make, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any NWW-related activity, or participation in the NWW.

The Organization is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the NWW, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the NWW, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The Organization assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of photographs. The Organization is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in the NWW.

All federal, state, and local taxes, fees and surcharges on prize packages are the sole responsibility of the winners. Winners may be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility/Release of Liability/Prize Acceptance Form. Return of any prize and/or prize notification as undeliverable or failure of any entrant to comply with any Official Rules may result in disqualification.

If, for any reason, the NWW is not capable of completion as planned, including, but not limited to, by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of The Organization that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the NWW, The Organization reserves the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest.



In no event will The Organization, or their Board members and representatives be responsible or liable for any damages or losses of any kind, including direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages arising out of participant's access to and use of The Organization's website, or the downloading or uploading and/or printing of material from said sites. Without limiting the foregoing, everything on The Organization's sites is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied. Some jurisdictions may not allow the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so some of the foregoing limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. Check your local laws for any restrictions or limitations regarding these limitations or exclusions.