Watershed Photography Contest Rules

The Beaver Watershed Alliance Watershed Photography Competition (the "Contest"), is open to photographers of all ages, except employees of Beaver Watershed Alliance and the immediate families of such employees. The contest is open to all participants regardless of residence or citizenship.

WHO CAN ENTER:
The contest is open to all photographers. One photo submission is allowed per contestant.

WHAT TO ENTER:
The theme of the 2018 contest is “Recreate Around Beaver Lake”. Where do you like to go and spend your time recreating around the Beaver Lake watershed? Perhaps hangining out at the War Eagle Mill for some fishing or hiking the many miles of trails in the watershed area, or maybe catching a sunset on the Lake, we want to see your best pics of your favorite place to play in the watershed!

As a region, the communities in Northwest Arkansas can be strategic in protecting our most valued natural landscapes and heritage resources as we grow. We need places that support outdoor activities, protect our water supply from pollution, conserve habitat for native plants and animals and ensure the quality of life for all residents. We value the beauty and function of our natural lands and waters and hope to learn more from you on what you value in the Beaver Lake watershed.

Photos must be from 2018. Your images may be taken anywhere in the Beaver Lake Watershed (the “watershed”), which includes such places as Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area, Withrow Springs State Park, the Frisco Trail, Lake Atalanta, Lake Sequoyah, Mt. Kessler, Sequoyah Woods Trail, Slicker Falls on the West Fork of the White River, Lake Wilson, War Eagle Creek, and Beaver Lake. [Click here For a map of what is included in the Beaver Lake Watershed]. We are especially interested in images that showcase how people appreciate the watershed and the water it provides for drinking, recreation, habitat, etc., or what they appreciate about it such as wildlife and the wide range of habitats including woodlands, grasslands, lakes and rivers, and lake life.

Entrants must not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, put any individual or animal in danger, nudity, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single "High Dynamic Range" image are acceptable. Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel’s sole discretion. Entrants must be prepared to submit the original raw file in case there is a question regarding enhancements.

Photo captions must accompany all submissions, and should include the subject of the image, the date the photo was taken, and the location the image was taken.

HOW TO ENTER:
Each photo must be submitted as a digital copy to info@beaverwatershedalliance.org by 11:59 pm on September 7th 2018.

Photos will be judged by a panel of individuals with experience in photography based on:

- Subject matter - The photograph must fit within the theme of “Recreation” as explained above, and
- Technical quality - The photograph should be well exposed with artful composition and focus.
Include the Following for your Submission:

Subject:
Your name
Photo location (which FLLT protected property)
Photo date (Month & year; does not have to be shot in 2018)
Your caption or comments (describe the moment)
Optional: Your camera settings (photographers love these!)

OTHER DETAILS:
Winners will be announced by September 21, 2018.
Contestants should note that by submitting a photo, you give the Beaver Watershed Alliance permission to use photos in promotional materials, such as newsletters etc., with or without attribution.

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Please direct questions to Becky Roark at becky@beaverwatershedalliance.org or 479-750-8007.