



**LAKE METROPARKS PRESENTS**

26th annual

AMATEUR



# photography contest

**ENTRIES ACCEPTED** beginning Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland. Entries can be submitted and payment made at the Information Desk from 9 am to 4:30 pm daily.

**ENTRY DEADLINE** is 4:30 pm, Thursday, May 31, 2012. Entry form and payment must accompany entries.

**DIVISIONS** are Adult and Junior (ages 14 and younger).

**ENTRY FEE** is \$5 per print for adults, \$3 per print for juniors (ages 14 and younger). Cash in the EXACT amount or personal check (made out to Lake Metroparks) accepted.

**ENTRIES** Adults may submit a maximum of **six** photographs in the contest; Juniors (ages 14 and younger) may enter a maximum of **three** photos in the contest. No more than **two** photographs may be submitted by anyone in a single category.

**OPENING RECEPTION** and awards ceremony will be held on Friday, June 8, 2012, at 7:30 pm at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded. Light refreshments will be served.

**PRIZES** are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and Best of Show winners. Ribbons are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and Honorable Mention winners in each category. All winners are determined by independent contest judges.

**EXHIBIT** of all qualifying entries will be on display Saturday, June 9 through Sunday, July 29, 2012 in Penitentiary Glen Nature Center.

**CATEGORIES:** Photos can be either film or digital

**1. LAKE METROPARKS**– Color photos taken in any of the 30 parks in the Lake Metroparks system fall into this category. The park name must be clearly identified on the photo ID label. Photos should highlight the particular park and may include people, animals or other objects found in the Lake Metroparks.

**NEW** **2. LAKE ERIE**– Color photographs submitted in this category should highlight Lake Erie and its unique shoreline. Photos may include people, animals or architecture as it relates to the lake.

**NEW** **3. WILDLIFE**– This category is for color photos that feature wildlife such as birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. \*Note: Domestic animals do not qualify for this category.

**NEW** **4. LANDSCAPE/FLORAL**– Color photos in this category should feature scenic images of nature and/or flowers. Photos may include animals or architecture as they relate to the landscape or flowers.

**5. BLACK & WHITE**– This category is for all black and white photos. Subject matter can depict any of the specified categories listed above.

**6. CREATIVE MANIPULATIONS**– This category is specifically for images that have been scanned and noticeably manipulated on a computer. Examples of enhancements or manipulations include but are not limited to the following: added or removed elements, posterization, painting, combining or rearranging separate images, collage, cloning of elements, and panoramic images. Subject matter can depict any of the categories listed above.

**NOTE: ALL PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY.**



# CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Photo Contest is open to amateur photographers only. A professional is defined as one whose primary source of income (50% or more) results from his/her photographic work.

2. Photographic images must be a minimum of 5 x 7 inches and not exceed 11 x 16 inches. **Note: Matted panoramic images must be placed in the Creative Manipulations category and may not exceed 27" total width.**

3. Photographs must be individually matted with a **single white mat—no double matting**. Photos cannot be framed, and the photographer's name cannot appear on the front. **Failure to comply with these rules will cause photos to be disqualified.**

4. A **"Photograph Identification Form"** (attached) must be securely attached to the lower right corner on the back of each entry. Additionally, the contestant's name, address and phone number should be clearly printed directly on the back of each entry. Contestants must submit a completed entry form (attached) with entry fee and photograph(s).

5. Photos will be judged on depiction of category, technical quality, composition and originality. The independent judges' decisions are final.

6. Lake Metroparks reserves the right to combine categories in the event of insufficient entries in order to preserve the integrity of the contest. All categories may not necessarily receive sequential awards.

7. All photographs must remain on exhibit at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland, through the conclusion of the exhibit on Sunday, July 29, 2012. **Contestants can pick up their entries at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center from August 1 through August 31, 2012, between 9 am and 4:30 pm daily. Lake Metroparks will not be responsible for photographs not picked up by August 31.**

**8. Only work not previously entered in the Lake Metroparks' Annual Amateur Photography Contest will be accepted.** Lake Metroparks reserves the right to disqualify any photograph not properly mounted, not taken in the out-of-doors, or does not meet the entry/category requirements. Lake Metroparks also reserves the right and authority to reject any photograph(s) that may seem objectionable to participants and/or visitors.

9. Photographers are responsible for securing model releases from any person(s) that appear in their photo(s). Any photograph entered in this contest may be used, without charge, in future Lake Metroparks publications or promotions. Photo credit will be given for all photos used.

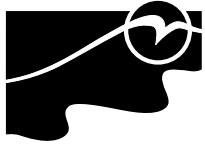
10. All reasonable caution will be exercised with all photographs; however, Lake Metroparks is not responsible for any damage or loss that may occur. Due to the nature of the show, Velcro will be used in hanging the photographs. Photo Title Cards will be mounted on the bottom center of each photo after the judging has taken place.

**QUESTIONS?** Call 440-256-1404 for clarification of rules or categories.

## HOW TO ENTER

1. Read all of the contest rules and information carefully.
2. Type or clearly print the requested information in ink (forms on next page).
3. Secure a "Photograph Identification Form" to the lower right corner on the back of each entry.
4. Submit properly identified photograph(s), completed entry form(s) and entry fee(s) (in exact change) to Lake Metroparks by the entry deadline.

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# ENTRY FORM & PHOTO ID

All entries must be received by 4:30 pm, Thursday, May 31, 2012. Include entry fee(s) in exact change or personal check with this form.

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**PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM** (Include this part with your entry fee)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION (check one)  
 Adults (15 years and older): Total number of photographs entered in contest (max. 6) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Junior (14 years and younger): Total number of photographs entered in contest (max. 3) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 CIRCLE ONE:  
 cash / check

CATEGORY(S) ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the contest rules and regulations. The submission of my photograph(s), along with my signature below, may be construed as acceptance of all conditions printed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_