

# Pictures of the Park Photo Contest - Complete Rules

## CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

The Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation is the Sponsor of the contest. The Quad City Photography Club will provide judges for this Contest. The Contest is open to any individual that falls into one of three age categories: 12 and under (Youth); 13-18 years of age (Teen); or 19 years of age or older (Adult), as of April 1, 2011.

If you are a minor in your jurisdiction of residence (generally, under 18), you are advised to obtain the permission of your parent/legal guardian before entering Contest.

## ENTERING THE CONTEST

To enter, the Contestant may submit up to 3 qualifying 8" x 10" photographs taken by him or her, using a digital or film camera taken anytime from April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011. The deadline for entry submission is April 1, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. All entries must be at the Museum by that time. No entries will be accepted past 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2011.

Enter the contest by reading the complete rules. Entry forms may be picked up at the Hauberg Museum or downloaded from the Black Hawk State Historic Site website [www.blackhawkpark.org](http://www.blackhawkpark.org). Completed entry form, releases, photo(s) and CD can be mailed to the Black Hawk State Historic Site at 1510 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201 or dropped off at the Hauberg Museum during Museum hours. Each Entry must include all information requested. Incomplete, corrupt, or unreadable entries shall be disqualified.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTOS

Photos **must be taken** from any location within the Historic Site. Entry must depict the subject matter as it appears in real life; entry cannot use props to alter actual appearance of said location. An entry including the identifiable representation of any person(s) requires the submission of a photo release form.

Any Entry with names, logos or other indication that may be owned or controlled by a third party is ineligible and may be disqualified at Sponsor's sole discretion. Entries must be solely the original work of the Entrant; do not copy anybody else's work. Entry must be submitted by a single individual; no joint/group entries.

In addition, montages and composite images are ineligible. The Entry must be from a single capture with any digital or film camera. If cruel, unethical or illegal practices are suspected (as determined by Sponsor and/or its agencies in their sole discretion), the photo will be disqualified. If the Entry contains any material that Sponsor and/or its agencies deem, in their sole discretion, to be morally objectionable, inappropriate or unfit for publication, such Entry will be disqualified.

## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTOS

Note: Image files that do not meet the requirements for recording format, image dimensions or file naming will be ineligible.

Photos must be captured with either a digital camera or scanned from a film slide, negative or print and submitted in the baseline JPEG recording format. All photos must have a minimum resolution of either a 1600 pixel width and/or 1200 pixel height (approximately 3 megapixels) in a standard portrait or landscape aspect ratio. **Please provide photos of the highest available resolution and quality.** All files should be named in the following format (with sequential numbering):  
lastname\_firstname1.jpg

While photo editing software can be used, excessive use of such programs (as determined by Sponsor/judges in their sole discretion) is prohibited. Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified.

### Permitted Modifications:

- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained
- Red-eye removal and spot editing
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.

-Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA AND WINNER SELECTION/NOTIFICATION**

During April 2011 the top 27 photos (the top 3 photos for each age group in each category and one overall Grand Prize photo) will be selected by a panel of judges from the Quad City Photography Club. The judges will rank Entries (in each age group) on the basis of: originality; artistic composition; photographic technique; and technical execution. The Photo title may be used for purpose of identifying the Entry (if selected as a winner and posted on Website), but will not be considered as part of the judging process. In the event of a tie, the judging panel using the above-indicated judging criteria will rejudge such tied Entries.

Judges will select twenty-seven (27) finalists in total: three (3) finalists ages 12 and under (Youth), three (3) finalists ages 12-18 (teen) and three (3) finalists ages 19 and over (adult) for each of the three categories: Nature, Architecture, and People/Culture. The panel of judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age group for each Category. In addition a single Grand Prize photo will be selected. By participating, entrants (if a minor in jurisdiction of residence, his/ her parent or legal guardian) agree to these Official Rules and that the judges'/Sponsor's decisions on all matters relating to the Contest are final and binding.

## **PRIZES AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS**

All finalists will receive an official certificate of participation from the Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation. One Grand Prize winner will be selected from all entries. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners in each age group will receive assorted prizes, will be featured on the Historic Site website, will be identified by name online and in print, and will be featured in a public photographic display at the Historic Site. The Grand Prize winner will receive a prize to be determined. The Sponsor reserves the right to modify, change, or cancel the aforementioned prizes at any time.

Finalists will be notified by phone, or e-mail on or about April 20, 2010. Winners will be announced and prizes given at the April 30, 2011 Stroll Through Spring event held at the Watch Tower Lodge. Winners and photos will be posted on the Black Hawk State Historic Site website on or about May 1, 2011. Prizes may be picked up in the Hauberg Museum after that date.

## **IMAGE COPYRIGHT, USAGE LICENSE, AND RELEASES**

By entering the Contest, all entrants grant a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to the Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation, Black Hawk State Historic Site, to reproduce, distribute, display and create whole or in part derivative works of the entries. However, all entrants retain ownership and copyright of their entries and are not restricted in the future use of their images.

Entries including the identifiable representation of any person(s) who is not a performer or presenter at a Historic Site event requires the submission of a photo release form.

## **LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

The Sponsor and its agencies are not responsible for any incorrect Form or Entry information, technical malfunctions, failures, omission, interruption, deletion or defect of any telephone network, computer online systems, computer equipment, servers, service providers or software including any injury or damage to Contestant's or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from access to or alteration of Entries, and/or inability to access the Black Hawk State Historic Site website. Entries that are processed late or incorrectly or are incomplete due to computer or electronic malfunction, printing or human or other errors and any Entries that are lost, late, incomplete, stolen, misplaced, misdirected, mutilated are ineligible.

If, in Sponsor's exclusive judgment, the implementation of this Contest becomes compromised in any way including but not limited to force majeure (e.g., strike, riot, civil unrest, natural cataclysm or otherwise) or technological/electronic or other malfunction/failure/error, Sponsor reserves the right to withdraw the Contest, winner determination, to void any entries submitted fraudulently and any entries that were affected by the Contest being so compromised and/or to select winners in a manner determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion to be fair, appropriate and consistent with the spirit of these Official Rules. Notice of such action by Sponsor will be posted on the Black Hawk State Historic Site website and at the Hauberg Museum.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS**

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