

# 18th ANNUAL AMATEUR WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

*Sponsored by Conservation Officers of Pennsylvania Association (COPA)*

57th Annual Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show

**February 4th thru February 12th, 2012**

State Farm Show Complex- Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

## **AWARDS**

**Best of Show Award**-chosen from the 6 first place winners and will receive a \$50.00 award and a ribbon.

**First Place Winners** in each of the 6 categories will receive a \$35.00 award and a ribbon.

**Second Place Winners** in each of the 6 categories will receive a \$15.00 award and a ribbon.

**Third Place Winners** in each of the 6 categories will receive a ribbon.

**People's Choice Award**- All Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show visitors are eligible to cast a vote for this special award. The winner will receive a \$35.00 award and a ribbon.

All first place photographs will be retained by COPA to be displayed at the 2013 Eastern Sports and Outdoor show. Winners will be contacted regarding the agreement.

## **CHILDREN'S PHOTO CONTEST**

AGES – up to and including 15 years old

Follow “**RULES OF CONTEST**” except for the entry fee is \$2.00 per photo

All categories will be judged together for 3 awards, please specify “Youth Entry” on photo

**1<sup>st</sup> – Ribbon and \$25.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Ribbon and \$15.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Ribbon and \$10.00**

## **Contest Categories**

1. Aquatic/Reptiles (native to the United States – East of the Mississippi River)
2. Birds (native to the United States – East of the Mississippi River)
3. Flora (natural plant life in the United States – East of the Mississippi River)
4. Mammals (native to the United States – East of the Mississippi River)
5. Scenic (outdoor scenes from the United States – East of the Mississippi River)
6. Open (All other images depicting natural resources and settings from the Eastern US not described in the above categories, such as insects, rock formations, etc.)

*Note: COPA reserves the right to refuse an entry because of content.*

## Rules of Contest

- Contest is open to amateur photographers only, regardless of age.
- For this competition, amateur is defined as one who derives less than 10% of his/her livelihood from the sale of personally produced photographic images.
- Photos must be single, unmanipulated images produced by the entrant with the camera in-hand or otherwise being controlled by the entrant. No trail camera photos.
- **Photos depicting mounted wildlife specimens, cultivated flora, domestic animals, man-made structures, or human images are not eligible. This will be strictly enforced!!**
- No more than 2 entries per category by each participant.
- Prints only - black and white and color will be judged together.
- Photographer's name, address and telephone number, and choice of contest category must appear on the back of each entry. The photographer prior to submission must cover signatures or other identification on the face of the entry.
- Prints must be **securely** mounted. Matting is permitted. Print may not be framed, and/or covered with glass or plastic. Minimum size - 8" X 10", maximum size - 16" X 20" overall, including mounting and matting. **Place a 1 x 1 inch piece of Velcro (hook side) on the back of each photo at four corners.**
- Entry fee is \$5.00 per photograph (\$2.00 for children). Each entrant must submit a copy of the entry form.

### • SUBMITTING ENTRIES

- **TAKE** to the PA Game Commission Headquarters, 2001 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg between 9 AM and 4 PM starting January 16th and ending at 12 noon on February 1, 2012. Photos must be wrapped or packaged and marked "**COPA Photo Contest**" **ATTN: Tom Grohol**
- **MAIL** to: COPA Photo Contest, c/o Linda L. Swank P. O. Box 17, Kirkwood, PA 17536. (*Photos must be received by JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012*) For more information, email Linda at [lswank@state.pa.us](mailto:lswank@state.pa.us).
- **No photos will be accepted by show management at the Exhibitor's Entrance or at the Show Office!**

### Return of Entries

- Entries may be picked up at the contest area **only on Sunday, February 12th after 3:00pm**. COPA staff will not allow removal of photos prior to that time.
- Photos may be returned by parcel post if the following is included: **Self-addressed packaging, adequate protective devices, and sufficient postage** affixed for return mail. Photos not picked up or photos that do not have mailers and postage for return will become the property of COPA.

**Please Note: We are trying to go electronic! Future entry forms will not be mailed. Please check our website next show season for an entry form.**

# Contest Statement

**Must be completed and sent with entry/entries**

I certify that my entry/entries in the COPA 18th Annual Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show Photo contest is an unaltered image produced by me, and I derive less than 10% of my livelihood from the sale of my personal photographic images. I understand that any violation of contest standards will disqualify my entry.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Entry only – enter age of child \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

By affixing my signature on this entry statement, I release COPA of all liability related to my involvement in this contest or to the entry/entries submitted by me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Guardian Signature required for Children's entry)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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