

# Woods of Whitley County

## Official Photo Contest Rules



### **Call for Entries**

The Community Foundation of Whitley County is moving to a new location. We need your help to decorate our walls in true Whitley County fashion. We are seeking the beauty of Whitley County that can be found in our many wooded areas. Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit photos that show the essence, vibrancy, wildlife, and beauty of all that can be found in the woods of Whitley County. Deadline for submissions is January 2, 2023.

### **Eligibility**

The Community Foundation of Whitley County (CFWC) Photo Contest is open only to legal residents of Whitley County, Indiana. Contest judges, as well as their immediate family (spouses, partners, siblings, and children) and household members are not eligible to enter.

### **Entry Period**

The CFWC Photo Contest begins October 1, 2022 and ends January 2, 2023. Entries submitted before or after the entry period will not be eligible. Winners will be announced February 1, 2023.

### **What to Enter**

We want to see Whitley County through your eyes. Capture the beauty of nature and woods located within Whitley County. There should be no people in the photographs. All photographs must be taken in Whitley County, Indiana. Photographs taken outside of Whitley County will be disqualified.

### **Requirements**

Submit a complete entry/release form. By submitting your entry, you agree that the photograph(s) conforms to the guidelines and contest restrictions.

Entrants represent and warrant that the photograph(s) they submit:

- are their own original creations;
- do not infringe any other person's or entity's rights;
- was not taken while trespassing on private land.

Entries must be submitted by the original creator. Photograph(s) created by someone other than the entrant will be disqualified. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. All photos must be original work, taken by the entrant. The photo must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person.

### **Photo specifications**

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, which is left to the judge's discretion.

- All photos must be submitted as high-resolution digital images, (minimum) 300 dpi.
- Photos may be black and white or color.
- Cell phone photos will not be accepted.

### **The following submissions are ineligible:**

- Images of captive animals photographed in zoos and commercial game farms.
- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright.
- Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.
- Images of individual people or groups of people.
- Images taken more than three years prior to the beginning date of the Contest.

### **How to Enter**

You may enter up to five (5) images during the entry period. The CFWC reserves the right to reject any additional entries or entries that do not comply with the official rules. By entering, you indicate your unconditional agreement to, and acceptance of, the official rules and CFWC's decisions, which are final and binding.

Entries will not be accepted unless submitted via the official contest channel. By entering the contest, entrants agree that photos submitted can be used by the Community Foundation of Whitley County for advertising purposes, reproduction, and public display.

Submissions will not be accepted once the deadline lapses.

### **Judging**

Photos will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, artistic merit and subject matter relevance to theme. Judging will be conducted by a panel of judges consisting of CFWC employees/officials.

The judges will evaluate all valid entries and pick the winners.

The CFWC reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to stated contest rules.

All judging decisions are final. Please do not contact the Foundation about the status of entries or judging. The Foundation will notify the winner via the contact information provided on the entry form.

### **Prizes**

Prizes will be determined by the CFWC. A prize may not be transferred and must be accepted as awarded.

Prize categories will be for the following age groups:

- School age children
- Adults
- Senior Citizens (over age 60)

### **Release and Limitations of Liability**

If you submit a photograph to enter the Photo Contest, you grant the CFWC a royalty-free right in perpetuity to:

- Display the photograph on the CFWC website
- Use the photograph on the Internet and in Social Media in support of our mission.
- Use the photograph in the CFWC's internal and external communications materials including but not limited to web sites and web publications, fact sheets, fund raising publications, advertising, multimedia, presentation, and annual report.
- Provide your photograph to other individuals and organizations for CFWC - related use in news stories, newsletters, reports, slide shows, displays, web pages, videos, and the like.
- By entering, you agree to release and hold harmless CFWC, and CFWC agents (the "Released Parties") from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Photo Contest or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) technical errors; (b) printing errors; (c) late or undelivered mail; (d) errors in the administration of the Photo Contest; or (e) injury or damage to persons or property.
- Any information you submit as part of the Photo Contest will be used in accordance with CFWC's Privacy Policy. Except where prohibited, you consent to CFWC's use of your name in any list of winners (if applicable) and for promotional purposes in any media without further payment or consideration.

### **Consent for Use when Photographer is a Minor**

If the photographer is under the age of 18, the entry must be submitted by the parent/legal guardian of the minor.

### **How to Submit your Entry and Photos**

Please e-mail the photo, and completed entry/release form to carolwccf@gmail.com by January 2, 2023.