

### **Eligibility**

The contest is open to the general public, all ages are welcome to participate. This contest is limited to nonprofessional photographers (no taxable income earned from photography).

### **Subject Matter**

Photographs must be of nature related subjects in Aitkin County, MN. Each photographer may enter two photographs per category.



### **Categories**

1. Nature/Landscape
2. Wildflowers
3. Wildlife, Birds
4. Wildlife, Other
5. People in Nature
6. Digitally Manipulated
7. Black and White

Photos may be print, slides or digital format. Any digitally manipulated/enhanced photos entered into general categories will be disqualified.

### **Format**

Photographs must be 5x7 or 8x10 and mounted on black matboard with approximately two inch margins on all sides. No framed artwork will be accepted.

### **Use of Winning Photos**

All entrants must complete, sign and submit the official entry form. Winning photographs may be used by the Friends of Rice Lake Refuge as postcards and/or for other educational, promotional and informational purposes, on the Friends and/or Refuge website, in printed materials and on products. Winners will be asked to supply a negative, slide or digital file. The photographer will be given credit when the photo is used.

### **Judging**

Judging will be conducted by three volunteer individuals. Three winners (first, second, and third place) will be selected in each category. Photographs will be judged on technical quality, subject matter appropriateness, ability to be reproduced, and originality/creativity. Judging will occur the week of October 3, 2011. Judges decision is final.



### **Deadline**

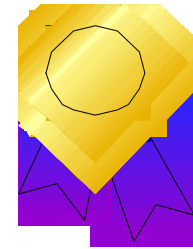
Entries will be accepted from **September 5-30**. Entries must be dropped off at the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge located five miles south of McGregor, MN on Highway 65.

### **Photo Display**

All entries will be on display at the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge from October 5-31, 2011. The Refuge and/or Friends cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to photos. Photos must be picked-up at the Refuge Headquarters November 1-11.

### **Entry Fee**

There will be a \$5 per person (\$15 maximum per family) entry fee with a maximum of 14 photos entered per person (two per category).



### **Prizes**

Each first place winner will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Friends of Rice Lake Refuge gift shop. Second and third place winners will receive a pin. In addition, there are three special recognition winners, Best of Show, Best of Show (Youth) and People's Choice.

### **Questions**

Please call or visit the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge at: **(218) 768-2402**.

**2011  
Friends of Rice Lake Refuge  
Photo Contest Guidelines  
Entry Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the photo taken? \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (circle one):

1. Nature/Landscape
2. Wildflowers
3. Wildlife, Birds
4. Wildlife, Other
5. People in Nature
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (daytime) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Check if 17 years old or younger

I have read and agree to the Friends of Rice Lake Refuge Photo Contest Guidelines. I give the Friends of Rice Lake Refuge permission to reproduce my images for educational, informational, promotional and commercial purposes on the website, on printed materials and on products.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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2010 Best of Show

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