

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and the Chandler City Council



Environmental Education Center 5th Annual Nature Photo Contest Terms & Conditions

EEC NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Environmental Education Center (EEC) is an 11,000 sq.ft. facility featuring classrooms, exhibits, live animals and a nature store, and is the gateway to Veterans Oasis Park. The Center offers year-round recreation programming for all ages, with an emphasis on nature, science, and the environment. The Nature Photo Contest (NPC) was created to provide an opportunity for photographers to capture images in Veterans Oasis Park and exhibit their work for artistic appreciation, competition, and public enjoyment.

ELIGIBILITY:

This year's NPC is open to photographers of all ages.

HOW TO ENTER:

Photographers can begin submitting photographs on **Saturday, December 5, 2015**. **Two Options to submit:** you may drop off your photo(s) to the Environmental Education Center already mounted on foam core OR you may submit your photo(s) digitally online at EEC@chandleraz.gov and you will be contacted for registration and payment of your photo(s) over the phone.

FEES:

There is a photographer entry fee of \$3 for Chandler residents and \$5 for non-residents. This fee must be paid, in full, at the time photographs are dropped off or over the phone when you are contacted after submitting your photos online. For the price of the contest entry fee, photographers may enter up to two photographs per category.

CATEGORIES:

Photographers may submit photographs into one or all available categories, but **the same photo cannot be entered into more than one category**. Once a photograph is entered, the photographer cannot move it to another category. In extreme cases, EEC staff reserves the right to switch images to other categories, with or without notification to the photographer. The categories are:

1. THE WORLD AT REST
2. BIRDS OF A FEATHER
3. SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

Photographs may be color or black and white. All photos **must** be taken within the boundaries of Veterans Oasis Park located at 4050 E. Chandler Heights Rd., Chandler, AZ 85249.

Previously published photos may be entered; however, please include information on when and where the photos have appeared. Winning photos from other competitions may also be entered, but the name of the contest(s) and the year(s) entered must be included. Such information is informative only and will not influence judges' decisions.



SIZE & MOUNTING:

All submitted photographs must be at least 5" x 7" in size, but may not exceed 20" x 30". In addition, all photos submitted to the contest must be securely mounted on foam core if you are dropping off in person. Photographs submitted digitally will be mounted on foam core by the EEC.

DIGITAL ALTERATIONS:

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. **Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified.** Acceptable are adjustments to color, contrast, brightness and sharpness; removal of dust and scratches; cropping; black and white conversions; and use of HDR (high dynamic range) where multiple exposures of the same scene are combined for a greater tonal range. **Not acceptable are photo composites (combination of two or more photos, not of the same scene); the addition, duplication, deletion or moving of objects in the photos; or the use of artistic digital filters and effects.** Examples of artistic filters and effects are watercolor, neon glow, posturizing, stained glass, and others which do not show the scene in its natural way. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the disqualification of your photograph.

IMAGE DONATIONS:

Donors retain ownership of their photos to use and grants the City of Chandler, nonexclusive license to reproduce, publish, circulate or otherwise use the photographs howsoever in any medium now in existence or to be established, in perpetuity. If you are interested in having your photograph used in future media publications or on items sold in the Owl's Nest Nature store, agree to this term by checking the appropriate box on the entry form. This is not a prerequisite for entry and will have no bearing on judges decisions.

DEADLINE:

The final date for submitting photos is **Tuesday, March 15, 2016** by 8:00 p.m. All photographs must be submitted by this date and time to the front desk staff at the Environmental Education Center or submitted online at EEC@chandleraz.gov. There will be no exceptions or extensions.

JUDGING:

Photographs will be judged on **originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit.** The judging panel, consisting of at least 3 people, and may include members of the local arts community and/or City of Chandler employees. Judges decisions are final and binding.

PHOTO PICK-UP:

Photos will be exhibited on free public display at the EEC during April and May. All non-donated photographs can be picked-up from the EEC from June 1-8, 2016. **The City is not responsible for lost, damaged, late or misdirected photographs.**

LEGAL CONDITIONS:

Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person or submit images that violate any park rules or local, state or federal law or that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

By entering this competition, you agree to these entry terms and the following legal conditions:

By entering, participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that participant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph. The City of Chandler or designee reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of City of Chandler or designee shall be final and binding. By entering, participants release and hold harmless the City of Chandler, its affiliated organizations, and each of their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives (collectively, the "City") from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or related to the NPC, any prize won, any use of the entry materials by the City of Chandler, the warranties participants make, participation in any NPC-related activity, or participation in the NPC. The contest is governed by the laws of the United States and is subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with the City, and causes of action arising out of or connected with the NPC, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in Maricopa County, Arizona, which court shall apply the laws of the State of Arizona without regard for rules of conflicts of law. In any such dispute, participant shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with participating in the NPC. Participant hereby waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased. Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage or undermine the legitimate operation of the NPC is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, the City reserves the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law. The City is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the NPC, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the NPC, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The City assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, photographs. All federal, state, and local taxes, fees and surcharges, if any, on prize packages are the sole responsibility of the winners. Return of any prize and/or prize notification, as undeliverable, or failure of any entrant to comply with any of the Official Rules may result in disqualification. If, for any reason, the NPC is not capable of completion as planned, including, but not limited to, by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the City that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the NPC, the City reserves the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the NPC.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

Questions and inquiries regarding contest rules can be emailed to EEC@chandleraz.gov or call 480-782-2890.



QUICK FACTS

Ages: All Ages Welcome

Contest Opens: Tuesday, December 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Deadline for Submissions: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Photo Drop-off Location: Environmental Education Center (EEC)

4050 East Chandler Heights Rd., Chandler, AZ 85249

OR submit photos digitally online at EEC@chandleraz.gov

Fee: \$3 - \$5 per photographer (For up to six pictures – 2 per category)



PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION FORM (PIF)

This form must be completely filled out and securely attached to each one of your photographs.

Title of Photograph: _____

Name of Photographer: _____
(PLEASE PRINT) LAST FIRST

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

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(please check one per photograph):

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