



## Eastman Nature Center's 22<sup>ND</sup> Annual Nature Photography Contest

Eastman Nature Center is sponsoring its annual photography contest to promote interest in the outdoors and photography, and to provide an opportunity for amateur photographers to display their work at the nature center. Entries will be accepted from **June 19 - 27, 2010** and displayed at Eastman from July 3 - July 31. Submissions will be judged on composition and photographic quality. Decisions of the judges are final.

Main Categories	Special Recognition Categories
Wildlife	Best Photo taken in Three Rivers Park District People's Choice Award
Plants	
Scenery	

### Guidelines:

1. **Amateur\*** photographers only.
2. Photographs must be at least 4" x 6" in size and no larger than 8" x 12". All photo styles are accepted. **Photographs need not be taken in Three Rivers Park District**
3. Photographs should be matted or framed **with a hook or fastener on the back**. Framing of photographs is not required but is strongly recommended. Three Rivers Park District is not responsible for any damage that occurs to individual entries. **Entries without a hook or fastener on the back will not be accepted.**
4. Entrants must complete the **Entry Form** when entering their photographs. Entry fee of **\$4** per entry; limit of **three** entries per person.
5. Photographs of domestic animals, garden plants and annuals are **not eligible** in the wildlife and plant categories.
6. Photographs taken for the scenery category may have man-made objects in them (i.e. bridges, buildings, fences) but they **must not** be the main focus of the picture.
7. Photographs from any main category (wildlife, plants, and scenery) are also eligible for the special recognition categories.
8. Photographers must deliver and pick up their entries. Bring entries to: **Eastman Nature Center, Elm Creek Park Reserve, 13351 Elm Creek Rd., Osseo, MN 55369. Phone 763-694-7700.** Open 9am-5pm, Monday-Saturday and Noon-5pm, Sunday. All entries must be picked up by August 31, 2009. All photographs not picked up by December 31, 2009 will become the property of Eastman Nature Center.
9. Photographs entered into this competition may be used, upon approval and with photo credit, in Three Rivers Park District's publications and displays used throughout the metro area, unless otherwise noted on the entry form.
10. This contest is for fun and the prizes are modest.
11. All Three Rivers Park District employees and their immediate families are not allowed to enter this contest.

**\* An amateur photographer is anyone who does not earn a significant amount of money as a photographer. We realize that some amateur photographers have professional skills. We ask that you use discretion in deciding if you fit into this category and if you should enter this contest. As a guideline, if you earn over \$2000 a year in photographic sales you should not consider yourself an amateur for this contest.**

## Special Recognition Categories

Photographs entered in any prize-winning category (wildlife, plants, scenery) are also eligible for two special recognition categories. No additional fee is required -- simply check the appropriate box on your photo label.

### **Best Photograph taken within Three Rivers Park District**

Was your photograph taken within Three Rivers Park District? If so, it is eligible for this special award. This is an excellent opportunity to visit some of Three Rivers Park District you have never been to in search of that perfect nature scene. Maps of Elm Creek Park Reserve and our other parks are available at Eastman's front desk.

### **People's Choice Award:**

All of the photographs entered in this contest will be displayed in Eastman Nature Center and voted on by the viewing public. The one that is chosen by the most people wins this award!

### **Prizes donated by:**

Universal Color, Inc., National Camera and Video and Wild Birds Unlimited

You may make additional copies as necessary. Labels and entry forms may also be picked up and filled out at the nature center. Please be sure to fill out the back of the label as well.

PHOTO LABEL		
NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
DAYTIME PHONE:		
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
MAIN CATEGORIES		
WILDLIFE		
SCENERY		
PLANTS		
SPECIAL RECOGNITION CATEGORY		
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT		Which Park?

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ENTRY FORM		
NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
DAYTIME PHONE:		
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
NUMBER OF ENTRIES:	AMOUNT PAID:	

**How did you hear about this contest?**

- Three Rivers Park District (specify which park) \_\_\_\_\_
- A Photo Finisher (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- A Newspaper or radio station (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Word of mouth

**I do not wish to have my photograph(s) used in Three Rivers Park District publications** \_\_\_\_\_

<p>My signature below indicates that I am aware of and in compliance with contest guidelines, am an amateur photographer as stated in contest guidelines, and understand that Eastman Nature Center &amp; Three Rivers Park District are not responsible for any losses or damages to my photographs, mats, frames, or glass.</p> <p>SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____</p>
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**STAFF USE:** After the contest, initial and date here when photo is picked up \_\_\_\_\_