

5th ANNUAL 2010
MINGO SWAMP FLORA & FAUNA
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

SPONSORED BY:

Mingo Swamp Friends

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

River Hills Traveler

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Fill out one form for each photograph and attach to the back of the photo. Please print legibly.

| DIVISION | CATEGORY |
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| Youth – 17 yrs. & Under as of July 1st | Mingo Landscape Native Wildlife Native Plant |
| Adult – 18 yrs. & Over | People in Nature Artistically Enhanced |
| Professional | Professional |

Photo Title: _____

Location Taken: _____

Date Taken (if known): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

For parent or guardian of underage children: I am the parent/guardian of this entrant, and I declare that I've read the contest rules and I am satisfied that it would benefit the interests of (name and birthday of entrant): _____ to participate on the basis of those rules, terms, and conditions.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CONTEST THEME

“To promote public awareness of the beauty, value, and uniqueness of Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, the Mingo Swamp Friends and Refuge staff welcome amateur and professional photographers of all ages to enter our annual photography contest.”

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| 17 and under as of entry deadline | Mingo Landscape Native Wildlife Native Plant People in Nature Artistically Enhanced |
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Photographs may represent any of the categories. Two of the categories (Mingo Landscape and people in Nature) must be taken on Mingo NWR. Photographs in the People in Nature category should portray activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, photography or wildlife observation. Photographs that are altered with computer graphics, digital enhancement, etc must be entered in the Artistically Enhanced category and represent a theme appropriate for one of the other listed categories.

Photographs entered in the Native Wildlife and Native Plants categories must contain flora or fauna that is indigenous to Mingo NWR regardless of where the photo was taken.

Photographs of captive wildlife will not be accepted.

Professional photographs will be judged as one category.

The definition of a professional photographer, for the purposes of this event, is anyone of any age who earns more than 1/2 of their income from photography.

Photographers are responsible for submitting a completed entry form that identifies the division, category, and all other requested information. In addition, photographers should supply species identification, method of artistic enhancement, and other information on the entry form or as an attachment, which will aid in judging photos more fairly.

Contest officials reserve the right to categorize or reject any photograph that does not adequately supply the needed information for entry. All decisions of the judges are final at the time of the judging.

Photographs may be original or duplicated copies, black and white or color, of variable shape or size, but must fit in a 10x14in dimension. No slides will be accepted. To prepare a photograph for entry, attach the completed entry form securely to the back of the photograph or otherwise list the division and category entered, photo title, name, age, address, and signature as appropriate. Indicate the top of the photo by writing "top" on the back side of the photo. Photographs will not be accepted for judging that have been matted or framed or have writing on the front of the photograph.

Do not back photo. The contest committees will prepare & mat all winning photos for exhibit.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$5.00 for the first three photographs entered for each individual photographer. after three entries, the fee is \$5 for each additional photograph. There is no limit on the number of photographs that may be entered. Make checks payable to "Mingo Swamp Friends." For returned photographs, place a self-addressed, stamped (SASE) envelope with the entries submitted.

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

Mingo Swamp Photography Contest

24279 State Highway 51

Puxico, MO 63960

Hand delivered entries will be accepted during normal Visitor Center hours: Monday-Friday (8a.m. to 4p.m.), except for Federal Holidays. Call for weekend hours. The telephone number is (573) 222-3589.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must arrive at the Refuge Office by 4 p.m. on July 1st of each contest year.

PRIZES AWARDED IN 2009

Best of Show - \$250 (1 award total for the show)
Alternate Best of Show - \$100 (1 award total for the show)
First Place in Category - \$50 (11 awards total for the show)
Second Place in Category - \$25 (11 awards total for the show)
Third Place in Category - \$15 (11 awards total for the show)
Honorable Mention in Category - Ribbon (22 awards total for the show)

JUDGING

Judges for the event include noted naturalists, photographers, and biologists from the Mingo Swamp Friends, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, and other local conservation groups and professionals in natural resource management and photography. No information regarding the outcome of the contest will be released until August, 2010.

Contest winners will be announced in August 2010 during the Puxico Homecoming Celebration. Prizes for the winning entries will be mailed by August 30th, 2010. All winning photographs will remain in the care of Mingo Swamp Friends and Mingo NWR until August 2010 while going on exhibit at the Mingo NWR Visitor Center and other public locations. Photographers should arrange for return mailing of photographs by submitting a SASE at the time of entry.

All entries that do not place will be available for pick up at the Refuge Office after August 30th.

RIGHTS TO USE

All entrants agree to allow Mingo Swamp Friends and Mingo National Wildlife Refuge rights to publish winning photos in future promotional publications without compensation.

Upon entry of photo contest, participants acknowledge that neither Mingo NWR, Mingo Swamp Friends, nor any sponsors of the contest are responsible for lost or damaged photographs, or liable for copyright or other legal disputes that may arise from this competition.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Persons with further questions or comments concerning the photography contest should contact the Mingo National Wildlife Refuge at (573) 222-3589 during normal business hours.