

2017 Bob Jones Nature Center Annual Photo Contest

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The Bob Jones Nature Center is a City of Southlake Park, 501(c) (3) nonprofit and a treasure for all of us. The mission of Bob Jones Nature Center is to restore and preserve the Eastern Cross Timbers ecosystem through environmental leadership, education, and compatible outdoor activities. As a small nonprofit organization your support helps us to deliver our impactful mission... Thank you!!

CONTEST DIVISIONS

Youth Junior: Ages 14 years and younger

Youth Senior: Ages 15 to 18 years

Adult: Aged 19 and older in 3 self-proclaimed categories

- **Novice:** New or learning the basic concepts of composition, exposure, lighting, and post-processing of images.
- **Proficient:** Competent and comfortable in the concepts of composition, exposure, lighting, and post-processing techniques for creating images.
- **Advanced:** Can teach others the concepts of composition, exposure, lighting and post-processing of images.
Possesses the skills necessary to provide meaningful critique of others' images. Exemplary or great skill in several genres of photography (e.g., landscape, portrait, macro, photojournalism, or still life).

Contest Categories

NOTE: In all categories, the “hand of man” (man-made objects) is acceptable as long as it is incidental and not the subject of the image.

Please note that the Adult Division Categories are not all the same as the Youth Division Categories. Each category indicates if it is a Youth or Adult category or both.

- **ANIMALS - CAPTIVE (including Pets) (YOUTH only)**

Images of animals in a controlled setting (i.e. farm, zoo, ranch, etc.). May include mammals, marine life, reptiles and amphibians

- **ANIMALS – CAPTIVE (ADULT)**

Images of animals in a controlled setting (i.e. farm, zoo, ranch, etc.). May include mammals, marine life, reptiles and amphibians. **Does not include pets.**

- **ANIMALS – WILD (BOTH)**

This category includes portraits and behaviors of non-captive animals in their natural habitats. These could include mammals, birds, marine life, reptiles, amphibians, and insects.

- **CREATIVE INTERPRETATION (BOTH)**

Nature-related images intended to express the photographer's impression of the subject (i.e. creative blurs, abstract and digital manipulation.) Not to be judged on amount of manipulation but on artistic end result.

- **FLORAL AND STILL LIFE IN NATURE (BOTH)**

This category includes natural objects in their natural habitats. These could include plants, flowers, trees, rocks, shells, minerals, fungi, and lichens.

- **WATERSCAPES & SCENICS (BOTH)**

This category includes expansive views that may include landscapes, waterscapes, cloudscapes, prairies, forests, streams, sunrises, and sunsets.

- **NATURAL ARTISTIC ABSTRACTIONS IN NATURE (BOTH)**

Naturally occurring patterns, lines, shapes and forms of animals, objects, or plants in nature; also may include macro and extreme close-up images in cases where the patterns, lines, shapes, etc. are the principal subject.

- **BOB JONES NATURE CENTER and CITY OF SOUTHLAKE (BOTH)**

This category includes images taken within Southlake and within the Southlake ecosystem. These can include images from any of the other categories, as well as, people interacting with and enjoying nature at BJNC-sponsored events, family outings, scouting groups, horseback riding, birdwatching, hiking, Plein Air painting, etc. and through their interaction with, conservation of, and use of water such as boating, sliding, washing, irrigating...

***Note:** It is the responsibility of the photographer to read through the category descriptions carefully and choose the appropriate category for each image. The photographer's selection will be final. Anything not meeting the criteria will be ineligible for judging.*

Preparing Images for Electronic / Digital Submission

Note: Only digital entries will be accepted (print images will not be accepted).

To ensure that you submit the best quality image possible, please adhere to the following:

- Minimum 2,000 pixels on the long side (approximately 2MB maximum).
- JPG files only.

Keywords associated with the division and categories are required. Keywords should be assigned prior to export within whatever software program you use for library/photo management (e.g., Light room, Bridge, Photos).

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Apply keywords to each image following the format listed here:

Division	Keyword
Student Junior	Junior
Student Senior	Senior
Adult Novice	Novice
Adult Intermediate	Intermediate
Adult Advanced	Advanced

Category	Keyword
Animals – Captive	Captive
Animals – Wild	Wild
Creative Interpretation	Creative
Floral and Still Life in Nature	Floral
Natural Artistic Abstractions in Nature	Abstract
Waterscapes & Scenic	Scenic
Bob Jones Nature Center	BJNC

NOTE: Name the file with your name, division keyword, category keyword, and image name or number – i.e.: `FirstnameLastname_DivisionKeyword_CategoryKeyword_photoname or number.jpg`

For example: *JohnDoe_Intermediate_Abstract_MyPic.jpg*

With the exception of Creative Interpretation, all submitted images must maintain the integrity of the original captured image. No substantive changes may be made to the image. For more details on editing your images, refer to the Judging Criteria. Although not required, you are encouraged to update the metadata of your image to include your name and copyright information.

ENTRY FEES:

There are no limits to the entries you can submit. Entry fees are \$5 per image for Youth, \$10 per image for Adults. PayPal is the only accepted method for payment. **Payment must be made within 48 hours of image upload/submission.**

Submit payment via PayPal (Please visit the link below for PayPal Payment)

<http://bjnc.org/calendar-events/photography-contest/>

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:

Entries must be submitted by November 13, 2017 and can be uploaded any time after September 4, 2017.

Upload your image/s by clicking this link:

<https://bjnccameraclub.smugmug.com/upload/kndQnX/bjnc2017entry>

***You can *Verify* your image/s uploaded by clicking this link:

<https://bjnccameraclub.smugmug.com/Competitions/Photo-Contest-2017-Galleries/Photo-Contest-2017/>

Judging & Awards

Judging will be based on compliance with contest category criteria, subject impact, balance of composition and image and technical competency factors, as more fully described in the section titled “Judging of Entries” posted on both the Bob Jones Nature Center (see Events then Photo Contest) and the Bob Jones Nature Center Camera Club websites.

AWARDS

Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and honorable mentions in each category will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Best of Show for each Division. Winners will receive \$100 cash prize, a ribbon, and Certificate of Achievement.

JUDGING OF ENTRIES

The Judging Process

After all submissions have been received and the contest is closed, entries will be screened by contest organizers to insure each entry complies with the published contest rules. Entries submitted into an incorrect category will not be judged. It is the photographer’s responsibility to submit their images into the correct category.

Note that entries with identifying marks on the front of the image, including the photographer’s name, will not be judged.

A panel of three – five experienced wildlife and/or nature photographers and art jurors will judge the contest. None of the judges are a member of the Bob Jones Nature Center Camera Club or associated with the Bob Jones Nature Center, nor are they permitted to be a contestant in this Contest.

The Judging Criteria

Judges are asked to rate each image according to Impact, Composition and Technical Merit. No particular weighting or quantitative scoring is used. We rely on the experience and knowledge of the judges to reach a fair result.

Impact: How successfully does the image convey thought, idea, feeling or emotion? How strong is the viewer’s first reaction? Does the image provide a lasting impression?

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Composition: Is the image well organized into a harmonious and cohesive whole? Are there any “jarring” elements present that distract the viewer’s attention from the subject?

Technical: How successful are the application of photographic and presentation methods used to create the final printed image? This includes factors such as camera competency, post-production and editing.

The Judges are asked to make suitable allowance for the age range of the Youth-Junior and Youth-Senior Divisions, placing more emphasis on subject impact and composition and less on technical factors.

NOTIFICATION

Judging will be held on or about November 18, 2017

Winners will be notified by email between November 21 and November 30, 2017

SCHEDULE OF DATES

Submissions:

Photos and payment must be received by November 13, 2017

Awards Display:

November & December

Photography Contest Exhibition:

Bob Jones Nature Center: November - December, 2017

At the Southlake Library or Southlake City Hall: January, 2018

Online Slide Show on YouTube and BJNC and Camera Club websites

For more information, contact:

admin@bjnc.org or call **BJNC** at 817-491-6333 during business hours (Tues – Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm) *BJNC is CLOSED on Sunday and Monday*

RETURNS and USE

•Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged. The images remain the copyright property of the photographer.

•Photographers grant the Bob Jones Nature Center Organization and the City of Southlake the non-exclusive right to use the photos submitted for the contest for publicity, advertising, promotional, educational and other purposes without obtaining further permission and/or compensation. The Bob Jones Nature Center Organization and City of Southlake will attempt to give credit to the photographer.

•This permission extends to include use, with the permission of the Bob Jones Nature Center Organization, by any other non-profit organization or agency in connection with furthering the mission, purposes or activities of the Bob Jones Nature Center Organization. A signature on the entry form constitutes acceptance of these terms.

If you're interested.....Please click the Link below to previous BJNC photo contests entries
<https://bjnccameraclub.smugmug.com/Web-Pages/Browse-Competition>

If you're interested.....Please click the Link below to the 2015-2016 BJNC photo contests Award Presentation
<https://bjnccameraclub.smugmug.com/Competitions/Photocontest-2015/2016-Award-Presentation/>

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bob Jones Nature Center, staff and board of directors, thank you for participating in the 13th annual photography contest. If you are interested in learning more about ways you can impact our environmental cause please visit <http://bjnc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>. Please join us as we look forward to seeing you at the BJNC Annual Fundraiser in February 2018 at the Marq in Southlake. <https://themarqsouthlake.com/>