



2020 Photo Contest

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City of Sidney Parks and Recreation Department

To promote the interest in the city's parks and the great outdoors, the City of Sidney's Parks and Recreation Department is providing a great opportunity for all of you amateur photographers by promoting a photo contest. With well over 400 acres of parkland, you have the chance to spend time in Sidney's beautiful parks, while enjoying your favorite pastime.

Guidelines:

- Amateur photographers only (as a guideline, if you earn over \$2000.00 per year in photographic sales, please do not enter this contest)
- No employees or family members of the Recreation Board or City of Sidney are eligible to participate
- Only one photo per person per category (four total)
- Person entering the photo must be the photographer and must have rights to the photo
- All photos must be taken within the boundaries of City of Sidney owned park land
- Photos submitted become the property of the City of Sidney and can be used in promotional materials, the city calendar, local publications for articles relating to the City of Sidney and or its park system, on the city's social media, without fee or compensation.
- For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must secure a model release from the subject. In the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian must sign such model release. Any such model release must be provided with the submitted photo. No photo in which a person is recognizable will be considered for award in the absence of such signed model release.
- Digital entries only (.jpg format, 300dpi)
- Only minimal photo alterations are allowed (cropping, red eye reduction and or adjustment of brightness, color and saturation)
- Do not break any laws or do anything unsafe when taking your photographs
- Do not photograph anything that is inappropriate, indecent or obscene
- No water marks or logos

Categories:

- **Wildlife** – Pictures of birds, wild animals, insects and other critters. No domestic animals.
- **Landscapes** – Pictures of the natural beauty in the city’s parks and can include park structures
- **Flora** – Photos of plants, trees, flowers, etc., within the parks.
- **Adventure and outdoor recreation** – Photos of active recreation in the city parks: hiking, biking, running, soccer, baseball, football, boating/kayaking or fishing etc. Do not use photos that display people that are identifiable unless a Model Release for each identifiable person is completed

How to enter:

- Photos should be emailed to parks@sidneyoh.com and include a completed, scanned copy of the entry form. The photo file name should include SPRcontest_(category)_(subject)_(last name of photographer).
 - Example, SPRcontest_wildlife_Eagle_Kosar.jpg
- Photos are due September 7, 2020 by 4:00 PM

Display:

Winning photos will be displayed at city hall on various bulletin boards, in the Sidney Senior Center foyer and on the city’s Facebook page.

Judging:

Photos will be judged by the City of Sidney’s Recreation Board members. First, second and third place will be chosen in each category. The first place winners in each category will be judged to determine “best of show” for the entire contest.

ENTRY FORM

PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE

NAME OF PICTURE FILE - SPRcontest_____ .jpg

CATEGORY (please check appropriate box)

<u>WILDLIFE</u>	<u>LANDSCAPES</u>	<u>FLORA</u>	<u>ADVENTURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION</u>
DATE PHOTO TAKEN		PARK WHERE PHOTO WAS TAKEN	

I hereby represent that I have fully read the Guidelines that pertain to this contest; that I fully understand those Guidelines; that I have, and will continue to comply with those Guidelines: and, that I expressly intend to be legally bound by those Guidelines.

In executing and submitting this Application/Entry I do for myself, for my representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, hereby fully and forever release the City of Sidney, Ohio, its officials, employees, representatives and all others acting in concert with the City of Sidney, Ohio from any and all liability, injuries, loss and/or damage of any kind, nature or amount arising from my participation in this Contest and the acceptance and use/misuse of any prize.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of legal guardian required
for contest entry if applicant is a minor.

Date

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Model Release

I understand that I appear in a photograph or photographs taken by _____, and I give _____ permission to use my name and that photographic likeness in his or her entry to the City of Sidney Parks and Recreation 2017 Department Photo Contest. I also hereby give the City of Sidney and all others authorized by and/or acting in concert with, the City of Sidney, Ohio a royalty free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of that entry (including name and photographic likeness), in whole or part in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of the city and its social media, exhibition, and commercial products, including but not limited to publications. I understand that I shall not receive any compensation for these uses and that the City of Sidney, Ohio is under no obligation to use the entry in any way. I wave any claim or right of action out of the uses described in this release.

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

If Model is under 18: I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above, I have read the release and approve of its terms.

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____