

## MooseWood Nature Center 2023 Photo Contest

The MooseWood Nature Center in Marquette invites amateur photographers to enter our 2023 Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be posted on our website and may be used in Nature Center print and electronic publications.

### Deadline

All entries must be submitted by December 20, 2023. A panel of judges will review the entries and select the winners. The decisions of the judges are final. Winners will be announced in January 2024.

### Categories

First through third place winners will be selected in two separate categories and age levels. Age groups are:

- *Elementary and middle school*
- *High school and beyond*

Submissions may be entered in either of the following categories:

- *Flora and Fauna of Michigan*
  - o Images of plants and/or animals native to Michigan
- *Nature and Light*
  - o Scenes of the natural beauty of Michigan with particular attention to interesting, unusual, or dramatic lighting

### Submissions

Registration and submissions are collected only online at <https://tinyurl.com/ytt4vzht>.

Each submission requires a title and short description. These will be provided to the judges and may be used in the judging process.

Digital photos must be:

- Under 10 MB in size;
- Scaled to 8 X 10 inches with a resolution of 200-300 dpi;
- In png, tif, or jpg formats.
- If you are unfamiliar with resizing images, check out <https://www.alphr.com/how-to-resize-image/>.

### Prizes

The "Best of Show" winner will receive a complimentary two-year membership to MooseWood Nature Center and a cash prize of \$250. First place winners in all categories will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the Center and a cash prize of \$100. Second place winners will receive a complimentary one-year membership and a cash prize of \$50. Third-place winners will receive a complimentary one-year membership and a MooseWood mug. Participants may win in more than one category.

**Rules**

- a. Contestants must be amateur photographers. Professional photographers are not eligible. The Nature Center considers you a professional photographer if you are an adult and earn more than 20% of your annual income from the sale of your photographs or photography services.
- b. All photographs must be taken in Michigan.
- c. Participants may submit two photographs in each category (maximum of 4).
- d. Photos with signatures, watermarks and time stamps will not be accepted.
- e. Eligible photos must be original to the participant and not have been published or accepted for publication by any other organization.

**Photo Rights**

Photographers retain all rights to their images. Photographers must obtain (and supply upon request) the names of, and written permission from, any identifiable persons included in the photo entries, authorizing their image to be used and featured online, in Nature Center publications and/or marketing materials, and that any children have written parental consent to be featured.

The MooseWood Nature Center reserves the right to print, mount, and display any submitted photo. The Nature Center also reserves the right to publish any submitted photo with any MooseWood Nature Center materials (including print and electronic) or give to members of the media (including, but not limited to, newspapers, internet content, television, and magazines) at any time. Photo credit will be provided where applicable but cannot be guaranteed.

By submitting your photos, you are confirming that the photos are your own work and that you own the rights to distribute the images.

Your photographs help the MooseWood Nature Center spread the message of how important it is to protect our region's amazing diversity of wildlife and habitats. Thank you for helping to further our mission through your photography. Photographers retain all rights to photograph entries. However, by submitting photographs for contest entry, the MooseWood Nature Center is automatically granted a royalty-free, nonexclusive, world-wide, irrevocable right, in perpetuity publish distribute, and otherwise use the submitted photographs in any way, in whole or in part, in any format or media, now existing or later developed, for any lawful purpose, including without limitation, on its website, in connection with the photo contest, in connection with general marketing, press, and promotional activities, and on its social media pages. As conditions of this permission, the MooseWood Nature Center shall credit all photographs used.

If you have any questions, please contact: [moosewoodnc@gmail.com](mailto:moosewoodnc@gmail.com).