

2024 Images of Nature

Photography Exhibit and Competition

You are invited to participate in the 2024 Images of Nature Photography Exhibit and Competition sponsored and presented by Eagle Creek Park and Riviera Camera Club. This exhibit and competition are open to all amateur and professional photographers who reside in Indiana. Please read the following entry information carefully.

Calendar of Events

<p>Hand-delivered entries and entry forms are due at Earth Discovery Center, Eagle Creek Park. Entries will not be accepted at any other location. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER Sunday September 15, 2024.</p> <p>In addition to your entry form, remember the additional form required by the Indianapolis Parks Department.</p> <p>If you have questions or need other assistance call Lee Casebere at 317-843-8379 (H) or 317-441-1365 (C).</p>	<p><u>Delivery Dates</u></p> <p>Saturday September 14 (10 AM - 5 PM)</p> <p>Sunday September 15 (1- 5 PM)</p>
<p>Gate attendants will give directions to the Earth Discovery Center, 5901 Delong Rd.</p>	<p>Indicate you are an Images of Nature artist at the gate, and you will receive free admission during drop-off, the reception, and pick-up.</p>
<p>Awards and artists' reception:</p>	<p>Saturday October 5; 6 to 8 PM</p>
<p>Display dates at the Earth Discovery Center (EDC), Eagle Creek Park. The EDC will be closed Monday October 14th for Indigenous People's Day.</p>	<p>Saturday October 5 – Sunday October 20</p>
<p>Pickup dates at The Earth Discovery Center, Eagle Creek Park.</p>	<p>Sunday, October 20, 3 to 5 PM or Monday October 21 from 10 AM – 5 PM.</p>

Entries not picked up by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday October 20 at the Earth Discovery Center may be picked up on Monday October 21 during open hours (10AM-5PM). Any other pickup must be arranged in advance with the Earth Discovery Center or the Riviera Camera Club. Unclaimed entries will become the property of Eagle Creek Park and may be disposed of at the discretion of the Park unless special arrangements have been made in advance.

General Information

Images of Nature is a “nature only” exhibit and competition. All entries must reflect natural settings and situations devoid of the “hand of man” with one exception. **CONTINUING THIS YEAR** – man-made influences will be allowed in the Eagle Creek Park category as long as they are **NOT** the main subject of the photo (see category descriptions). Entries in any other category that include man-made features or influences (i.e., buildings, fences, boats, farm fields and domestic animals or plants) are not eligible and will **NOT** be accepted. All entries must be made from negatives, transparencies, or digital files.

The entry fee is \$30 per artist and is non-refundable. Payment may be made by cash or check only; no credit cards. Please make checks out to: **Riviera Camera Club**. Some entries may not be hung due to space limitations.

As initiated in 2023, we will not be selling your photographs through the Eagle Creek Park Foundation at this show as we have done in the past. However, you are welcome to include websites and contact information on business cards that we can attach next to your work, or the information can also be included in the program for guests to contact you directly about purchasing artwork.

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention in each category, as well as one overall Best of Show. Scoring will be based on impact, composition, technical merit, emotional appeal, and presentation. The judge’s decision will be final.

Entry Rules

PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY! Entries that fail to comply with these rules and conditions will **NOT** be accepted. The decision of the Images of Nature Organizing Committee regarding qualification will be final.

- You may submit up to 3 photographs.
- The printed area of each photograph must be at least 80 square inches. The outside dimension of each finished piece must not exceed 20x24 inches.
- Photographs must be either matted, mounted, and framed or presented in such a way to accept a secure picture hanging wire on the back including canvas prints, metal prints, standouts and thin wraps.
- **Each entry must have a secure picture hanging wire in place. Entries not securely prepared and wired will not be accepted.** Organizers will not be responsible for attaching hanging wires, however, a limited amount of hanging materials will be available for the artist to use if needed.
- Each entry must be clearly labeled on the upper left corner of the back with your name, address, phone number, category, and the title of the photography.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION MAY APPEAR ON THE FRONT!** Previous awards and banners must be removed from your entries prior to submission. Entries not meeting these requirements will **NOT** be accepted.
- Images entered previously in Eagle Creek Park photo contests are ineligible for entry. Each of your images must be your original work. However, commercial printing, matting, and framing are allowed.

Categories

Both color and black and white images are allowed but will be judged together in the following categories

Eagle Creek Park	Images that have been taken within Eagle Creek Park. Continuing this year for this category only , photos will be allowed that show human influence, but nature must be the primary subject matter of the photo.
Birds	Wild birds only; domestic and captive birds and taxidermy are not acceptable.
Animals (excluding birds and invertebrates)	This category includes mammals, reptiles & amphibians. Wild animals only; domestic and captive animals and taxidermy are not acceptable.
Landscapes	Photos of broadly inclusive nature scenes. Examples include a wooded tract with a stream, rock canyon & a waterfall; a flowery meadow with much sky and mountain peaks in the distance; an ocean shoreline with a driftwood foreground and distant sea cliffs.
General Nature Images (including wildflowers and insects)	This includes all other natural subjects not covered by the above categories. Wildflowers only; horticultural/domestic flowers are not acceptable. Nature macro shots go here, as well as photos of any number of plants, lower animals (invertebrates) and non-living natural features & materials (soil, rock, water, ice, etc.).

The “Creative” category that was part of this exhibit and competition for several years has been dropped due to low entry numbers. That category was meant for images clearly showing creative effects such as textures, pixilation, brush strokes, composite images, infrared, etc. Images that have been altered using methods such as healing brush, minor changes in color and saturation or other adjustments are allowed in all categories of this exhibit so long as the final image appears “natural,” and the alterations are not visibly noticeable to the judges and other viewers.

If you need additional information, call Lee Casebere at 317-843-8379 (H) or 317-441-1365 (C).

**2024 Images of Nature
Entry Form**

Please fill out the following entry form completely. Please PRINT clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Include in program? Yes No

Website: _____ Include in program? Yes No

Entry 1 Title: _____ Category: _____ Price: _____

Location: _____ Season: _____

Other Comments: _____

Entry 2 Title: _____ Category: _____ Price: _____

Location: _____ Season: _____

Other Comments: _____

Entry 3 Title: _____ Category: _____ Price: _____

Location: _____ Season: _____

Other Comments: _____

(If your work is not for sale, please indicate with NFS - "Not For Sale.")

How many guests will you have at the Award Reception? _____

Artists must pick up their artwork at the conclusion of the exhibit and competition on Oct. 20th between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. or as noted in the paragraph below the "calendar of events" on Page 1. The entry fee for this event is \$30.00 per artist and is non-refundable. Make checks payable to Riviera Camera Club.

Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce any entry accepted will be assumed. Accepted artwork will be considered for use in the Eagle Creek Park Events Calendar.

Eagle Creek Park and Riviera Camera Club will make every effort to handle your entries with care and avoid damaging them. However, neither Eagle Creek Park nor Riviera Camera Club will be liable for any damage to your entries during this exhibit and competition. Your signature and submission of entries constitute your acceptance and agreement to follow the exhibit and competition rules and the conditions specified on this entry form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

LABELS Use these labels or include the exact same information on your own labels.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Category: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Category: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Category: _____

Title: _____



2024 ARTIST REGISTRATION FORM

Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation
Eagle Creek Park, Earth Discovery Center
5901 Delong Rd. 46254
Phone: (317) 327-7148 Fax: (317) 327-7252

BORROWED FROM: Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____

DATE OF LOAN: 9/14/2024 to 10/21/2024 (for items listed below)

The objects described below have been received by Department of Indy Parks and Recreation and/or City of Indianapolis, Indiana for the purpose of, and are under the provisions noted below of this receipt.

Exhibit: Images of Nature Photography Exhibit

Location	ID Number	Loan Description (Title)	Value\$
1. Earth Discovery Center	N/A		
2. Earth Discovery Center	N/A		
3. Earth Discovery Center	N/A		

_____	_____	<u>Dawn VanDeman</u>	_____
Borrowed From	Date	Accepted by Representative of Department	Date
_____	_____	<u>Dawn VanDeman</u>	_____
Returned To	Date	Released by Representative of Department	Date

CONDITIONS

- Objects loaned to Department of Indy Parks and Recreation and/or City of Indianapolis, Indiana shall remain in its possession for the time specified on the face of this receipt. Loans will be returned only to the owner of his/her duly authorized agent or representative.
- Under the terms of this agreement, the Earth Discovery Center will exercise the same care in respect to loans, as it will in the safe keeping of own property.
- All works need to arrive at Earth Discovery Center ready to hang. "Ready to Hang" means that the works have a hanging system installed, or a display unit or system with which to exhibit the work. The venue will not provide hanging or display units for works submitted for exhibit.
- The Earth Discovery Center reserves the right to accept or not accept works that are not ready for Exhibit or works that are not appropriate for the venue.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

I hereby consent to and authorize the Department of Indy Parks and Recreation to take photographs and/or video, and reproduce these images solely for advertising and promotional purposes. (INITIALS) _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

(I) (We) _____ do hereby RELEASE and forever DISCHARGE and hold harmless the said Department of Indy Parks and Recreation and/or Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and their respective agents, officers and employees, from all claims, demands, or claims for relief on account of any and all injury which may exist or which may hereafter arise from participation in this 2024 Department of Indy Parks and Recreation program.

(I) (We) do further agree to protect the said Department of Indy Parks and Recreation and/or Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and their respective agents, officers and employees from any damage incurred by way of claim, demand, or judgment and agree to reimburse said Department of Indy Parks and Recreation and/or Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana for any loss, damage or cost incurred.

(I) (We) affirm under penalties of perjury that (I) (we) am/are 18 years of age or older and that (I) (we) have executed the above foregoing WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY and that such are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and beliefs, this date _____ (day) of _____ (month), 2024.

(I) (WE) HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS A RELEASE FROM ALL CLAIMS.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date _____

Authorized By: _____ Date _____

Dawn VanDeman, EDC Manager

Representative of Department

TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR Indy Parks 2024 ARTIST REGISTRATION FORM

1. At the top of the form please PRINT your Name, Address and Phone number in the lines provided.
2. Under LOAN DESCRIPTION please list the TITLES of the pieces you are entering. Do this for EACH piece.
3. Under TOTAL VALUE enter the price for each item. Put NFS if you do not wish to sell it. We will not be selling your photographs through the Eagle Creek Park Foundation at this show as we have done in the past, but buyers can contact artists directly.
4. Under BORROWED FROM put YOUR NAME and the DATE.
5. Please read the CONDITIONS section.
6. Under the PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE, please write your INITIALS.
7. Under WAIVER and RELEASE FROM LIABILITY write your name and date in the appropriate spaces.
8. SIGN and DATE the bottom of the form.
9. Bring forms to Earth Discovery Center, 5901 Delong Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46254 along with your entries on Drop-off dates.