

2024 Winter Photo Contest Rules

General Information:

Eligible photos must be taken February 1-29, 2024 at any OPEN Onondaga County Park and/or Syracuse City Park. Visit parks websites for park hours, admission, etc.

Entries are due by 4 p.m. March 1, 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.

The contest is open to photographers of all abilities.

Onondaga County Parks and Syracuse City Parks employees, County/City Friends, and other affiliated organizations, board members and employees are not eligible to participate.

Regular admission rates apply where applicable.

Each person is limited to 2 final entries.

Photographers must follow all park rules, stay on designated paths with the proper equipment (i.e. snowshoes, cross country skis) and obey posted signs. Flash photography is prohibited where indicated.

Onondaga County Parks reserves the right to terminate, suspend or cancel the contest without notice.

Submission of an entry automatically constitutes the contestant's acceptance of all the conditions set forth in the rules.

Submission Details:

The online entry form must be completed to enter the contest. The link to the form is on the contest page at www.OnondagaCountyParks.com/about/WinterPhotoContest. Only online entries will be accepted.

One photo may be submitted per entry form. Each person is limited to 2 final entries.

Photographer must select the category and the park where the photo was taken on the online entry form. **The categories are: Best Action, Best Portrait, Best Winter Scene & Most Artistic.**

All photos will be eligible to win the People's Choice Award. Visitors to the contest website will be able to vote on their favorite photo after the contest has concluded.

If the photo contains a readily identifiable person as a subject, the photographer must submit the person's name, phone number & email address via the online entry form.

If the subject is a minor, the photographer must also submit parent/guardian information. This information must be submitted on the online entry form.

Photo Specifications:

All photos must be submitted using the online entry form.

Photos must be submitted in jpeg format. Please provide the largest file size possible (at least 300 dpi) to allow for quality printing of photos.

Low resolution images (files under 500 Kb) will not be considered.

Only minor digital enhancements, such as cropping, contrast, etc. are permitted.

Images that have been significantly modified will be disqualified.

Photos with date marks, watermarks, logos, signatures or copyright notices will be disqualified.

Contest officials reserve the right to refuse any photo that does not meet the photo specifications or adhere to contest rules.

Photo Management:

All submissions become property of Onondaga County Parks/Syracuse City Parks and will not be acknowledged or returned.

By entering the contest, you grant Onondaga County Parks/Syracuse City Parks, the non-exclusive, world-wide, perpetual right and license to use, display, reproduce, publish, transmit and distribute your photograph on the Internet, and/or in any other promotional materials produced by Onondaga County Parks/Syracuse City Parks.

Photographers retain the right to use the submitted photo.

When possible, Onondaga County Parks/Syracuse City Parks will credit the photographer when his/her photo is used. It is unlikely that photographers will be notified prior to photo usage.

Onondaga County Parks/Syracuse City Parks reserves the right to crop and/or re-size photos if necessary.

By entering the contest, you represent, acknowledge and warrant that the submitted photo is an original work created solely by you, and you are the sole owner of all right, title and interest in and to your photo.

Winning images and all other contest entries could be used in any Onondaga County Parks/Syracuse City Parks print and digital collateral.

Judging, Prizes & Award Presentation:

Judging will take place in March 2024.

First and second place winners will be chosen by parks appointed judges in the following categories: **Best Action, Best Portrait, Best Winter Scene & Most Artistic**. One winner will be chosen by public online vote in the **People's Choice Category**.

Winners will be contacted via the email they provide on the entry form by mid/late March.

Prizes will be mailed to winners, to the mailing address provided by contestant, at the conclusion of the contest.

Winners will be listed at www.OnondagaCountyParks.com/about/WinterPhotoContest.

Winning images may be displayed on the Onondaga County Parks website and on their social media platforms.