



## 2019 Winter Photo Contest Rules

### General Information:

- Contest begins on January 1, 2019 and ends on January 31, 2019.
- Entries are due by 4 p.m. on February 1, 2019. Late entries will not be accepted.
- The contest is open to photographers of all abilities, ages 5 and up.
- Onondaga County Parks employees, Friend's employees and board members are not eligible to participate.
- To be eligible, photos must be taken at any open Onondaga County Park during the contest period of January 1-31, 2019. Park hours can be found at [www.OnondagaCountyParks.com](http://www.OnondagaCountyParks.com). *Please note: Jamesville Beach, Pratt's Falls, NBT Bank Stadium, and Hopkins Road are closed during the winter season.*  
Complimentary admission is available at Beaver Lake, Rosamond Gifford Zoo and Highland Forest to contest participants who show their camera. All other open Onondaga County Parks are free of charge. **Please note:** *The free admission offer at Highland Forest only applies to the snowshoe/hiking trails. Visitors are welcome to take photos on the ski trails or on the sleigh rides but must pay the regular cost to participate in those activities. And participants may submit photos taken at Lights on the Lake but admission to the show is not included in this offer.*
- **Please note: mobile devices will not be accepted to use as a camera for free admission.**
- Each person is limited to 2 final entries. Both entries should be attached to the online entry form; please provide the proper photo title for each
- There is a limit of 1 entrant per household or group per day, to enter a park free of charge.
- 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, cancel or suspend 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 in order to enter the contest. The link to the form is on the contest page at [www.OnondagaCountyParks.com/about/WinterPhotoContest](http://www.OnondagaCountyParks.com/about/WinterPhotoContest).
- Attached photos must be labeled according to one of five categories you wish to compete in and at which park the photo was taken. (Example: BestActionShot\_OnondagaLakePark). **The categories are: Most Artistic, Best Winter Scene, Best Action Shot, Best Portrait and Junior Photographers (ages 5-17).**
- If the photo contains a readily identifiable person as a subject, the photographer must submit the person's name, address and phone number via the online entry form.
- If the subject is a minor, the photographer must also submit the parent or guardian's information. This information must be submitted on the online entry form.

### Photo Specifications:

- Entries must be in a digital format to be eligible.
- 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.

- Photos taken with a mobile device can be submitted for the contest. However, mobile devices will not be counted as a camera for free admission.
- 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 and will not be acknowledged or returned.
- By entering the contest, you grant Onondaga County 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.
- Photographers retain the right to use the submitted photo.
- When possible, Onondaga County 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 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 of the Onondaga County Parks print and digital collateral.

#### Judging, Prizes & Award Presentation:

- Judging will take place in February 2019.
- First and second place winners will be chosen in the five categories. **The categories are: Most Artistic, Best Winter Scene, Best Action Shot, Best Portrait and Junior Photographers (ages 5-17).**
- Winners will be contacted via the email they provide on the entry form by mid-February.
- Winners will be listed at [www.OnondagaCountyParks.com/about/WinterPhotoContest](http://www.OnondagaCountyParks.com/about/WinterPhotoContest)
- Winning images will be displayed at various Onondaga County Parks, on the Onondaga County Parks website and among other potential platforms.