EMILY OAKS NATURE CENTER

# NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

## Contest Rules & Application

### ELIGIBILITY
All amateur photographers of any age are invited to submit photos. Amateur is defined as those who engage in photography without payment, do not earn an income from their photography or skills, and do not charge fees for their work.

### SUBJECT CATEGORIES
Photos must be taken at Emily Oaks Nature Center and can be entered in any of the following three categories: wildlife, scenery, and people in nature. Entries for children up to 14 years old may be judged separately if enough children's entries are received.

### FORMAT & PRESENTATION
A maximum of three black and white or color photos can be submitted *per category* per photographer. Photo sizes must be at least 5"x7" but not exceed 8"x10". Photos must be mounted in a mat frame or on mat board. *Unmounted prints and prints mounted under glass/plexiglass or in wood or metal frames will not be accepted.*

### PHOTO IDENTIFICATION
Please identify each photo. Clearly print your name, title of the photograph, and subject category on the back of the mounted photograph in the upper left-hand corner (see illustration).

**Your Name**
**Photo Title**
**Subject Category**

*Back of Photo*

### ENTRY FEE
Entry fees are $6 for the first photo and $4 for each additional entry, not to exceed nine total entries (three entries per category). Fees are payable by cash, check or credit card.

### ENTRY DEADLINE
Photos will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, 2026 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street, Skokie, 60076.

### JUDGING & EXHIBITION
Photos will be displayed to the public and open for People's Choice voting from Saturday, September 12 through Sunday, September 27. Results of the professional judging will be announced October 3. All photos will be displayed at Emily Oaks through October.

### AWARDS & PRIZES
People's Choice will be awarded for the adult and the children's entries, as well as first, second and third places in each adult subject category and for all children's entries combined. Ribbons and prizes donated by local merchants will be presented to all place winners.

**PLEASE NOTE**

- While proper care will be taken in handling all entries, Emily Oaks Nature Center cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to photos.
- Emily Oaks reserves the right to reject any photos with subject matter deemed inappropriate for a family audience that includes toddlers.
- Contact Emily Oaks Nature Center at **(847) 674-1500, ext. 2500** with questions.

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## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2026 — ENTRY FORM

*Entries Due 9/6/26 by 4 p.m.*

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Total # Entries: _____ Total Entry Fee: $_____ Age (if under 15 years): _____

| Entry Title | Category (circle one) | B&W or Color Print |
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| _____ | wildlife / scenery / people in nature | B&W / color |
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