

Who is Eligible?

Only amateur photographers are eligible. (An amateur photographer does not possess a professional photographer tax identification number for the sale of photographs). **The photos must be taken in Jefferson County however the photographer is not required to reside in the county.** The contest is not open to any JSWCD Supervisor, staff, or immediate family members.

Entry

8x10 Print(s) submissions must be received in the JSWCD office by 4:30 on Friday, **October 13th.**

There will be no entry fee and you may enter your work in any of the categories offered. **A total of three (3) photos may be submitted per photographer in one or multiple categories.** Photos must be taken within Jefferson County and PHOTO SUBJECT MATTER MUST BE CONSERVATION/NATURAL RESOURCES RELATED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGING.

Each photo submission must be accompanied by an entry and photo release form.

Categories

The Wonders of Wetlands

Capture the diversity of wetlands by taking photos of the insects, animal life, or plants that depend on that ecosystem to survive.

The Power of Weather and Climate

Depict both the subtle and extreme power of weather and climate, including images of extreme drought, floods, thunderstorms, tornadoes as well as snowscapes

Catch All

Anything nature, agriculture or wildlife related that takes place within the Jefferson County

Judging

First Round:

Entries will be judged to determine appropriate category entry and to select the top eight (8) winners in each topic category. First round judges reserve the right to switch prints to a more appropriate category or to disqualify if the entry is not suitable for any of the categories. Top photos in each category will be displayed at the JSWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet for voting. Participant need not be present but are invited to attend the event. Event information is available at www.jeffersonswcd.org and our Facebook page.

Second Round:

Those attending the JSWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet on October 30, 2023 will vote for the 1st place winners by secret ballot from the top eight (8) choices determined in the first round of judging. The winners will be announced at the closing of this event and recognized on the JSWCD Facebook page and website within a few days following the event.

Judging Criteria: Technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure) • Originality/creativity • Interest (photo features a recognizable center of interest in relationship to the category)

Awards

1st place winner in each category will receive a \$50.00 cash award.

Use of Prints by the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District

Submitted photos are unable to be returned. All entrants agree that any photo submitted to the photo competition may be used for marketing and promotion purposes directly related to the mission of the conservation district. Credit will be given to the photographer when possible.

**JEFFERSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2023 ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Photographer's Name (Please Print)

Address

Phone

Email

Photography Category (Please Check One)

_____ **The Wonders of Wetlands** - Capture the diversity of wetlands by taking photos of the insects, animal life, or plants that depend on that ecosystem to survive.

_____ **The Power of Weather and Climate** - Depict the subtle and extreme power of weather and climate, including images of extreme drought, floods, thunderstorms, tornadoes as well as snowscapes and landscapes.

_____ **Catch All** - Anything nature, agriculture or wildlife related that takes place within Jefferson County

Give a description of the photo including where it was taken in Jefferson County, approximate date photo taken and any other details you would like to include. Please include a title for your photo.

Signing of this entry form grants Jefferson SWCD use of submitted photograph on printed material, social media, website, and in displays without having to notify the participant of said uses and without compensation.

Signature of Photographer

All entries must be received in the JSWCD office at 500 Market Street, Mezzanine Suite 4, Steubenville, OH 43952 by 4:30 on Friday, October 13, 2023. Phone: 740-264-9790 abrowning@jeffersoncountyoh.com

FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED/One photo entry per entry form. Form also available at www.jeffersonswcd.org



Thank you for participating in the JSWCD annual natural resources conservation photo contest. We look forward to receiving your submission(s). Best of LUCK!