

Volo Bog State Natural Area and the Friends of Volo Bog / Shutter Bugs invite you to
Enter the 25th Annual Volo Bog
NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

2011-2012

Contest is open to all Amateur Nature Photographers (deriving less than \$5,000 of their gross annual income from the sale of nature photographs).

There are **EIGHT CATEGORIES** as follows:

- 1) Color Plant 2) Color Vertebrate 3) Color Invertebrate 4) Color Landscape 5) Black & White Combined
6) Beyond the Midwest 7) **Leave No Child Inside!** 8) Alteration of Reality

ELIGIBILITY: Entries in categories 1 - 6 must depict **NATURAL OBJECTS AND FEATURES ONLY** and show no signs of human interference (hand of man). Examples of human interference include, but are not limited to, people, utility poles, fences, mowed grass, pavement, etc... Categories 1 - 5 must be **REPRESENTATIVE of the MIDWEST**, i.e., Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan and depict only **NATIVE or NATURALIZED flora and/or fauna** - (i.e.; NO domesticated garden or landscaping plants, exotic plants from public gardens, pets, livestock, exotic zoo animals, etc...). Digital photos without obvious alteration will be accepted and judged in categories 1 - 7. **Category 8**, Alteration of Reality, allows for computer creativity but still must follow above rules.

Special Category 7 - Leave No Child Inside! - Photographers are challenged to celebrate *children enjoying nature*.

Written permission from parent or guardian is required if child(ren) is/are identifiable - see or ask for separate form.

All photos must be the exclusive work of the maker.

The eligibility of entries will be reviewed by a committee of the Friends of Volo Bog and Volo Bog Staff.

Decisions of the committee regarding eligibility will be final.

PREPARATION: All photos must be mounted to not exceed a single top mat. Mats must measure 11"x14" on the outer dimension. The window/photo may be square, rectangular or oval; its smaller dimension must be at least 5", and its larger dimension must not be more than 12". Glass is NOT permitted.

On the **back** of the mat, securely tape the completed **ENTRY FORM ONLY** (the bottom of this form) in such a way that it indicates the top of the photo. Plastic or other protective covering may be used for transporting photographs, but it will be removed when the photo is displayed and will not be restored upon return. No framed photographs will be accepted.

Do Not Write on the front of the mat or the photograph. No entry will be accepted with writing upon its face.

NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS: Entrants may submit up to three photos per category but not more than 15 total entries.

Each entry must be accompanied by a separate entry form. Please make as many photocopies of the entry form as needed.

FEE: \$5.00 per photographer covers up to 15 entries. Checks may be made to the Friends of Volo Bog.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries will be accepted beginning at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 1 through **3:00 p.m., FRIDAY,**

October 14, 2011. Entries may be brought to the Visitor Center (Wed - Sun; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

at **Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Rd., Ingleside, IL. 60041;** or mailed to that address.

The first 150 qualifying entries are guaranteed acceptance.

(Rules continue on the reverse side.)



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ENTRY FORM

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Please make copies of form for each photo and attach to back. Limit 3 entries per category.

Name: _____ Age if under 17: _____ Special youth prizes may be awarded.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or second phone: _____

Category: (check only one.)

Color Plant _____ Color Vertebrate _____ Color Invertebrate _____ Color Landscape _____

Black & White _____ Beyond the Midwest _____ **Leave No Child Inside!** _____ Alteration of Reality _____

Photo **MUST BE TITLED!** Title: _____

Where photo was taken: _____

Entry into Volo Bog's Photo Contest implies permission for IDNR, VBSNA, FOVB & affiliated groups to use entered photo(s). ↗ _____

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JUDGING: Photographs will be displayed for judging in the Visitor Center from October 19, 2011 to January 6, 2012. During that time visitors to Volo Bog will be asked to cast a ballot for the best entry in each category plus their choice for best-of-show. The photograph receiving the most votes in a category will be the first prize winner in that category. Likewise, the entry receiving the most votes for best-of-show will be awarded that prize. An award for technical excellence will be determined by a panel of judges. All prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony--during **WinterFest** on Sunday, January 8, 2012. (Winners need not be present to receive award.)

LIST OF PRIZES:

BEST OF SHOW: Best-of-Show Ribbon & Plaque

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE: Technical Excellence Ribbon & Plaque

IN EACH CATEGORY:

First place--Blue Ribbon & Plaque

Second place--Red Ribbon

Third place--Yellow Ribbon

Entry into Volo Bog's Photo Contest implies permission to use entered photo(s) for publication in The Bog Log and for other Volo Bog purposes.

Winning photos may be picked up on or after Saturday, March 3, 2012.

All other photographs may be picked up after 3:30 p.m. January 8, 2012.

All photos not picked up by 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 15, 2012 will become the property of the Friends of Volo Bog and may be sold in the Tamarack Shop.

All reasonable precautions will be exercised by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Volo Bog State Natural Area, the Friends of Volo Bog and the ShutterBugs. However, none of the foregoing named, or those associated with said organizations, will assume responsibility for damages to or loss of any entry.

AWARDS PRESENTED

at

WINTERFEST

JANUARY 8, 2012!

**When cutting the entry form from the other side,
please keep the top portion as a reminder
of the Awards Presentation at WinterFest! See you then!**

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