

Moraine Hills State Park and the Friends of Moraine Hills State Park invite you to enter!

14th Annual Moraine Hills NATURE PHOTO CONTEST

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 SEVEN CATEGORIES as follows: 1) Color Plant 2) Color Vertebrate 3) Color Invertebrate 4) Color Landscape
5) Black & White 6) Beyond Illinois 7) People (& Pets) in the Park

ELIGIBILITY:

Categories 1 - 6 must depict **natural objects and features only** and show no signs of human interference. Examples of human interference include, but are not limited to, utility poles, fences, mowed grass, pavement, cultivated plants, etc... Entries in categories 1 - 5 must be TAKEN in ILLINOIS. Further, entries in Categories 1 - 6 must depict 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...). **Category 7 - People (& Pets) in the Park** - MUST be taken at Moraine Hills State Park/McHenry Dam and MUST have humans and/or their pets in the picture. Here we wish to capture the essence of how visitors enjoy nature while visiting Moraine Hills State Park. Human constructs such as groomed pathways, shelters, boats, bicycles, fishing gear, etc...are acceptable in Category 7. *Written permission from subject(s) or their guardian is required if person(s) or pets(s) are identifiable - please ask for separate form.* **Digital photos** will be accepted and judged in all categories and must be the exclusive work of the maker. The eligibility of entries will be reviewed by a committee of MHSP Staff & Volunteers. Decisions of the committee regarding eligibility will be final.

PREPARATION: All photos must be mounted with a single window mat. Mats must measure at least 8"x10" but not exceed 11"x14". 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. **Do Not Write on the front of the mat or the photograph. No entry will be accepted with writing upon its face.** Plastic or other protective covering may be used for transporting photographs, but it will be removed when the photo is displayed and may not be restored upon return. No framed photographs will be accepted.

FEE: \$5.00 per entrant payable to *Friends of Moraine Hills State Park*. The \$5.00 fee per photographer helps to cover cost of prizes. Each photographer may enter up to 15 photos for the a total of \$5.00 covering them all.

SUBMISSIONS: Entrants may submit up to three photos per category but not more than 15 total photos. Each entry must be accompanied by a separate form. Feel free to make photocopies of the entry form as needed. Entries will be accepted beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, June 5 through the **deadline at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2011**. Entries may be brought to the Moraine Hills Office or mailed to 1510 S. River Road, McHenry, IL 60051. Only entries with return postage and envelope will be returned by mail. Alternatively, non-winning entries may be picked up after 2:30 p.m. October 2. Winners will be kept for display thru Oct. 30, 2011.

Entry Deadline July 9 - The first 120 qualifying entries are guaranteed acceptance.

Photographs will be displayed for judging in the Conference Room between July 16 and September 30, 2011.

JUDGING:

Peoples' Choice: Visitors will be invited to cast a ballot with their choices in each category plus their choice for Best-of-Show. The top three vote-getters *in each category* will receive 1st, 2nd & 3rd place *Peoples' Choice ribbons* in their category. Also, the entry receiving the most votes for Best-of-Show will be awarded Peoples' Choice Best-of-Show.

Judges' Award: An additional 1st Place award will be presented in each category. Best-of-Show Judges Award is also presented.

PRIZES (see back) will be presented at an Award Ceremony at 1:30 p.m, Sunday, October 2nd .

 **\$5.00 Entry Fee Covers up to 15 Entries** **Make check payable to Friends Of Moraine Hills State Park**

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One entry form per photo. 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 Illinois _____ People (& Pets) in the Park _____

Photo MUST BE TITLED! Title: _____

Where photo was taken: _____ *Initial to acknowledge.*

Entry into Moraine Hills' Photo Contest implies permission for IDNR, MHSP, FOMHSP & affiliated groups to use entered photo(s) . ↗ _____

Awards are presented at the Moraine Hills Nature Center
Sunday, October 2nd
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

PRIZES IN EACH CATEGORY

Peoples' Choice
First place – Ribbon
Second Place – Ribbon
Third Place – Ribbon

Judges Awards:
First Place – Ribbon

BEST OF SHOW

People's Choice: Plaque

Judges Award: Plaque

Special Youth Prizes may be awarded to photographers 16 years and younger if there are two or more youth entrants in the contest.

Non-winning photographs may be picked up after 2:30 p.m. Sunday, October 2, 2011.

Winning photos may be picked up on or after Monday, November 1st.

All photos not picked up by 3:00 p.m., January 6, 2012, will become the property of the Friends of Moraine Hills State Park.

All reasonable precautions will be exercised by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Moraine Hills State Park Staff & Volunteers and the Friends of Moraine Hills State Park. However, none of the foregoing named, or those associated with said organizations, will assume responsibility for any damages to or loss of any entry.

Please keep the above as a reminder of Awards Presentation and Rules.

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