showcase Camden County photo Contest

The Camden County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce the 1st Annual "Showcase Camden County" Photo Contest.

This contest calls for amateur and professional photographers to submit their best photos of Camden County, Georgia and its activities, attractions, and events, as well as historic and scenic locations.

Camden County's natural landscapes and unique events provide limitless creative inspiration to individuals that enjoy seeing the world through the lens of a camera. Example subjects might include downtown areas, museums, historical markers, parks, and activities such as boating, biking, and hiking. Also, local festivals and fairs would be ideal subject matter to share through pictures.

These photos will be used by the Camden County Board of County Commissioners in its ongoing promotions. Appropriate credit will be given to photographers when their photos are used.

The winning photographs will be showcased at Camden County's new Central Office as well as various other locations throughout Camden County.

Contest Awards

Prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories:

Amateur

(17 and under require parent/guardian consent on entry form)

Professional

(A Professional Photographer is a person who makes a living at the craft of taking photos. A Professional Photographer has had some degree of formal training and/or work experience, and has a business set up, including a resale certificate and/or other legal designations of a business.)



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Contest Rules

No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win.

Photo Eligibility

To enter you must be a Georgia resident. Ages 17 and under require parent/guardian consent on the entry form. The competition is open to amateurs and professionals. Please specify if you are a professional on the entry form. The photo subject must be relevant to Camden County, Georgia. Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than you. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Number of Entries

An individual may submit no more than three (3) entries per contest.

Photo Subject Restrictions

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public government website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. Camden County retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content.

Please do not show commercial brand images, logos, or names of private businesses in your photo.

Return of Photos

Photos will not be returned.

Ownership/Rights

Photographers retain the copyright to their photograph(s). By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph(s) displayed on the Camden County website. No fee or other form of compensation will be remitted to a photographer if his/her photo(s) is/are selected by Camden County for placement on its website. By entering the contest, photographers also agree to allow Camden County to feature their photo(s) in any publication produced by Camden County Government or its affiliates. Photographers also agree to allow Camden County to display their (photos) at various locations in Camden County. By entering the contest, the photographer is giving Camden County permission to use the photo(s) in current and future publications pertaining to Camden County.

How to Enter

Photos must be mailed along with the completed entry form (see further instruction below). Each entry must be accompanied by a completed photo contest entry form. Entries must be postmarked by Monday, December 1, 2008.

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Photo Formats

Entries that are color images, black and white images, sepia toned, and duotone images are eligible. All prints must be printed 8x10. Digital images must be at least 300 dpi. Minor digital enhancement is permitted.

Not Permitted:

- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- Artistic filters are not permitted.

Permitted:

- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained.
- Red-eye removal and spot editing.
- One-step enhancement (such as "Auto Fix, "Quick Fix" "Auto Levels", etc.)
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
- Use of corrective filters to improve the natural appearance of the image such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance and tint.

Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and unique character of Camden County, Georgia. A panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

Winners

Judges will select a first, second and third place winning photo from two categories. Please specify on entry form whether you are amateur or professional. Winners will be notified 2-3 weeks after the contest deadline by phone and email using the information on the entry form.

Prizes

One (1) photograph from each category will be chosen as the First place winner and will receive a prize pack valued at \$100.00. Additional photos will be chosen for Second and Third Places from each category. Second and Third places will also receive special gift prizes. Winning and Honorable Mention photos will be featured in a moving exhibit at various locations (to be named at a later date) throughout Camden County and will be presented during a Board of County Commissioner's meeting.

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How to Enter:

Each entry must include either an 8x10 print and a negative or, if submitting a digital image, it must be at least 300 dpi and must be submitted on a disk accompanied by an 8x10 print. A completed entry form must be submitted with each photograph submitted.

If submitting multiple entries, number each print to match a corresponding entry form. Prints, disks, and/or negatives will not be returned.

SEND ENTRIES TO:

Camden County Board of County Commissioners C/o Katie Bishop P.O. Box 99 Woodbine, Georgia 31569

Email questions to: communications@co.camden.ga.us_or call 912-576-5650

You may drop off entries at the Board of County Commissioners office located in Woodbine or at the Planning & Development office located in the County Annex Building in Kingsland.

Additional Terms and Conditions

Camden County is not responsible for lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete or late entries. Camden County is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. Camden County reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that Camden County has reason to believe is not the original work or does not meet qualifications or contest rules. All winners are subject to all requirements set forth in the Official Contest Rules.

By participating in this contest you agree to release and hold harmless Camden County and all its employees, officers, affiliate, agents and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. Camden County and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses of any kind arising in the whole or in part from this contest.

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Entry Form

Mail to: Camden County Board of Commissioners c/o Katie Bishop P.O. Box 99, Woodbine, GA 31569

Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Date Taken:
Location Taken:
Brief Description of Photo:
Category: Amateur (Age 17 or older) Professional Amateur (Age 17 or under)
By signing here, I agree to the terms and conditions of the "Showcase Camden County" Photo Contest:
Parent/Guardian Consent for applicant age 17 under:
Relationship to Applicant: