



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Back to Nature” Photography Contest

### Contest Description:

This photography contest is designed to encourage museum visitors to venture out and capture the natural beauty of the wildlife and habitats seen on the grounds of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and along the trails of Lefleur’s Bluff State Park. Contestants are also allowed to enter photos that have been taken inside the museum. Winning contestants will receive awards and their photographs will be exhibited for all museum visitors to see. **To officially enter this contest, contestants must submit photography that has been taken on Museum or Lefleur’s Bluff State Park property, or inside the Museum between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.**

**Cost of Entry: \$5.00 for each photo entered** (which helps to cover the cost of awards & exhibit setup)

### Term:

The “**Back to Nature**” Photography Contest begins May 1, 2009 and ends on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Winners will be announced February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, and winning photos will be exhibited in the Museum during the spring of 2010. Photo entries become the property of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and **will not be returned.**

### Who May Enter?

Amateurs or professional photographers of any age are welcome to enter. Photographs by young people 18 and under will be judged in a separate category. Museum/Park Employees or persons living in the same households of such individuals, whether related or not, are not eligible to enter. *Museum Volunteers are always encouraged to enter!*

### Photograph Categories:

**Important!! If images of individuals (other than museum employees) appear in submitted photos, their written permission, and contact information must be included along with the photo entry.**

- **Wildlife** – primary photo content focuses on wildlife seen along trails, museum grounds, or aquariums (ex. Mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, fish etc.)
- **Plants** – primary photo content focuses on plant life seen along trails or museum grounds (ex. dogwoods blooming, leaves changing color, bark texture etc.)
- **Landscapes** – primary photo content focuses on various landscape scenes throughout our property (ex. Sunsets, Oxbow lakes, river slough lookouts etc.)
- **Conservation in Action** – primary photo content focuses on individuals practicing conservation on our property, or inside the museum (ex. Volunteers planting trees, educators presenting indoor programs or trail hikes).
- **People and Nature** – Primary photo content focuses on children, teens or family groups enjoying nature at the museum

**How to Enter:** Submit the following: **1)** an unmatd, unframed high quality photograph (8x10 or 8x12) **2)** digital photo copy provided on disc (if available) **3)** Registration Form (found on back), and **4)** \$5.00 check or money order for each photo submitted. **(Please make checks or money orders payable to MS Museum of Natural Science Foundation)** Mail packet to: **Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Attn: Photo Contest, 2148 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202.** Photos may be submitted anytime from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.



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### Participation Agreement

In submitting the attached photo to the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (Museum) and participating in the Museum Great Outdoors Photo Contestant, I (we) \_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant) hereby warrant and agree to the following:

- 1) The Photo is the result of Contestant’s sole artistic efforts.
- 2) The Photo is taken at the Museum of Natural Science or Lefleur’s Bluff State Park and does not infringe upon any copyright or patent.

Contestant will retain the copyright and all other rights to the Photo. The Contestant grants the Museum an irrevocable and non-exclusive worldwide license to reproductions in Museum publications directly related to Museum activities. The Museum will include the Contestant’s name on the document where the photo is used.

\*(Contestants younger than 18 years old must have a parent/guardians signature to officially enter contest)

Contestant Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Print

Signature

Date

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENTRY FORM:** (Please be sure to include \$5.00 entry fee for EACH photograph submitted).

Name, Address, Phone No.:	Photography Category: (Please Circle One)
	Wildlife          Plants          People and Nature  Landscapes          Conservation in Action
Email (if available):	When and where (on property) was photo taken:
I consider myself: (please mark one)	Type of camera used: (Brand, lens type)
_____ an amateur          _____ a professional	

**Photo Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit 5 Words)