



“Working with our partner agencies and the local community, we offer unique and exciting programs to teach children and adults about conservation and help them gain a better understanding of our environment. The Photo Contest is a fun way for you to display your talents and enhance your appreciation of nature.”



~ Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Essex County Executive
& The Essex County Board of County Commissioners**

Invite You to Participate in the

ESSEX COUNTY PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Submissions Due Wednesday, September 11, 2024



Contest Categories

1. Professional
2. Adult (18 and up)
3. Youth (17 and under)

**Photographs will be on Display
At the Essex County Environmental Center
Throughout the Month of October**

For contest rules and regulations, please contact the Environmental Center at 973-228-8776.

***CONTEST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**



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Director

Essex County Park System Photography Contest

This contest is sponsored by the Essex County Environmental Center. The purpose of this contest is to highlight the best of what the Essex County Parks System has to offer its many residents year-round. The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs offers a wide variety of rich natural, cultural, and educational opportunities for all to enjoy. Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the Essex County Parks System.

Contest Rules



1. All photographs must be taken within the boundaries of the Essex County Parks System.
2. This contest is free and open to all park visitors. Employees of the Essex County Environmental Center and their families are not eligible.
3. Each Color or Black/White print must be printed and submitted in an 8x10 format.
4. A digital copy must be provided to dalexander@parks.essexcountynj.org.
5. There will be three (3) contest categories: Professional, Adult (ages 18 and up) and Youth (ages 17 and under). Color and black and white prints will be judged together.
 - **Participants will be considered as professional artists** if they meet at least two of the following conditions: have sold their art through commercial channels including craft fairs; have shown their artwork in exhibits, galleries, museums or craft shows for two or more years; have had their work selected in two or more juried art or craft shows; have received two or more awards for their work; or have a professional membership in an artist's or craft person's guild or association.
6. Each participant may enter two (2) unframed and un-matted photographs that have been taken within the current contest year of **September 2023 to September 2024**.
7. Each submission must include the photographer's name, address, phone number, age, category entered, date, and location of photo. Write all information on a label and then apply the label to the back of the entry.
8. All entries will become the property of the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and may be used in future publications, promotional materials or displays.
9. **Entries must be received no later than Wednesday, September 11, 2024**, and must be mailed or delivered to the Essex County Environmental Center, Attn: Photography Contest, 621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068.
10. Any entries highlighting an individual must be accompanied with a release statement (provided by the Essex County Environmental Center) signed by the individual or the individual's guardian indicating their consent for full use of this photo as well as their understanding of the contest rules.
11. Judging will be done by a group of professionals, with decisions based on creativity, technical superiority, composition, and the photographs' depiction of the uniqueness of the Essex County Parks System.
12. Grand prizes are awarded to entries that place 1st in all categories; 2nd and 3rd place entries will be recognized with a plaque, certificate and a small gift from the Environmental Center. Entries failing to comply with official contest rules will be disqualified.

All photographs will be on display at the Environmental Center in October 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE PRINT PER ENTRANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIZE.



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Essex County Parks Photography Contest

Submission Form

Each entrant is allowed up to two (2) photograph entries. Please complete an entry form for each photograph.

Please Note: All photos must be taken within the current contest year.

Photographer's name

Address

Phone number

Email

Date _____

Location of photo/Essex County Park Name

Please Circle

Category Entered

1. Professional

2. Adult (18 and up)

3. Youth (17 and under)

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I hereby agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the County of Essex, the Essex County Environmental Center, its agents and employees, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product in whole or in part, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs.

I understand the contest rules and am signing this Release of my own free will and I have not been influenced or coerced by any representative or employee of the County of Essex or the Essex County Environmental Center:

PHOTOGRAPHER OR PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

DATE

Any entries highlighting an individual are to be accompanied by a Photo Release & statement from that individual or the individual's guardian indicating their consent for full use of this photo as well as their understanding of the contest rules.



Essex County Environmental Center

PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE

I hereby give my permission to the County of Essex and the Essex County Environmental Center, its agents and employees, and to the photographer, my free and unlimited consent and permission to use photographs of the person named below in all forms, media and manners, without restriction as to changes or alterations, for advertising, trade, promotion, exhibition, or any other lawful purposes that have been obtained from his/her participation in programs sponsored by the Essex County Environmental Center and the County of Essex.

I waive any right to inspect or approve the photographs or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the photographs. I understand that the name and contact information of the person will be withheld from public disclosure.

Name of Person: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian if Person is Under 18: _____

Address: _____

I hereby agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the County of Essex, the Essex County Environmental Center, its agents and employees, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product in whole or in part, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs.

I am signing this Release of my own free will and I have not been influenced or coerced by any representative or employee of the County of Essex or the Essex County Environmental Center:

ADULT PERSON or PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE **DATE**

WITNESS (Essex County Environmental Center Staff) **DATE**

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