

Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District's "Showcasing Crawford County" Photo Contest 2017 Photo Contest Rules and Categories

Who is Eligible?

The competition is open to all non-professional photographers of any age. SWCD staff, supervisors, and family members are ineligible. The photos must be taken at a location in Crawford County; however the photographer does not have to reside in the county. You are considered non-professional if you do not earn, or have not earned the majority of your living from photography.

Entry and Judging:

We will accept color or black and white prints. Prints may not exceed 8 x 10 inches in size, and be no smaller than 4 x 6 inches. **We will not accept digital files.** There will be no entry fee and you may enter your work in any of the categories offered. Choose what you feel is the appropriate category for your print. A single print may only be submitted in one category. You may submit up to five total prints. Photos may not be digitally enhanced. Photos must be taken within the boundaries of Crawford County.

The SWCD staff will pick the category winners and then a poll on our Facebook page will determine the grand prize winner. All photos will be showcased at our fair booth, in the old Merchants Building, at the Crawford County Fair this summer. We will notify winners via the information they fill out on the form.

Entry forms:

Multiple entries can be made, but only one photo per category. Photos can NOT be submitted into more than one category. Each photo must be accompanied by one complete entry form. Please attach the entry form to the back of your print.

Categories include:

- 1) Backyard Conservation
- 2) Farm/ Rural Life
- 3) Wildlife or livestock
- 4) Scenic Landscape
- 5) Trees/ Crops

The judging will be based on relevance to the category, creativity, photographic quality, and impact.

The awards will be \$25.00 in cash for the category winners and an additional \$25.00 for the Grand Prize.

Use of the prints by the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District

We will not be returning the submitted photos. All entrants agree that any photograph they submit to the photo competition may be used for marketing and promotion purposes directly related to the mission of the District.

Deadline for Submission

All photos and entry forms must be submitted to the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District Office: 3111 State Route 98, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820, by 4:30PM on Friday, June 30th, 2017. Call 419-562-8280 ext. 3 with any questions. They may be hand delivered or mailed. If mailed, please package accordingly.

The following form must be filled out for each photo and attached to the back.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Which category (Please circle only one):

Backyard Conservation	Rural/Farm Life	Wildlife/ Livestock
Scenic Landscape	Trees/ Crops	

Indicate where the photo was taken (Ex. The Sandusky River by Mt. Zion Rd, Twp. Location, etc.)

If people are in the photo, please have them sign this consent form or the parents' consent for children under 18.

Name of Person(s) in photo _____

I hereby consent to and authorize the sale and reproduction of the photograph(s) taken of me for the purpose of the Crawford SWCD Photo Contest and for the use of said photos for marketing purposes directly relating to the mission of the Crawford Soil and Water Conservation District without compensation to me.

Signature of person(s) in photo _____

Street Address _____ City _____