

# 2024 Photo Contest Rules

## Friends of Crab Orchard Refuge

1. Submissions are due at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Gift Shop by Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 6987 Headquarters Road, Marion.
2. Photos can be entered in the following categories (maximum of 2 photos/category):  
1) Landscape/scenic; 2) birds; 3) other wildlife; 4) pollinators; 5) flowers/plants/trees/fungi; or 6) On Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge or 7) photos taken by youth. *In addition, we are introducing a new annual theme category and this year's theme will be Reflections.* All pictures must be taken south of I-64 in Illinois and **must be taken on federal or state refuge, park or forestry lands**. Each category will be judged for first place, second place, or third place. Photos submitted by anyone 17 or younger will be judged separately.
3. Submissions must be the original photograph, minimal editing such as cropping is allowed. Photographs should be the work of the person submitting the image. All photographers must be amateurs.
4. Ethical photography is expected and the photo's subject and environment should not be disturbed or manipulated for the sake of creating the image.
5. Photos should be **submitted in person**. Photos must be printed on photo quality paper in 8 x10 size. Photos should be matted with matte board with a finished size no larger than 11x14. **No glass, plastic, frames, or hangers, please**. A completed entry form should be taped to the back. Entry forms are available at <https://friendsofcraborchardrefuge.com/> the visitor's center.
6. The cost of submission is \$8/photo for adults and \$2/photo for youth. Friends of Crab Orchard Refuge Members can submit at the reduced cost of \$5/photo adults or \$1/photo for youth whose family is a member. Friends membership is open to the public and can purchased at the Visitor's Center Gift Shop.
7. Winners of the Photo Contest will be announced at the Photo Contest Reception at 2:00 on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the CONWR Visitor's Center. Prizes will be awarded at that time. Winning photos will be on display at the Visitors Center for the next month.
8. Non-winning photos may be picked up after the reception. Photos not picked up by May 20<sup>th</sup> will become property of the Friends of Crab Orchard Refuge.

I have read and understand the above rules and agree that my entries are in compliance with these rules. I also give permission for the use of my images on the Friends of Crab Orchard website and/or Facebook, in contest displays and promotional materials).

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth age \_\_\_\_\_ Parental signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_