

## OFFICIAL RULES



# Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

- **Description:** An annual photo contest shall provide a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving an aspect of the environment in which they live.
- **Eligibility:** The contest is open to all Lions and Lions clubs in good standing.
- Each multiple district or single district (where no multiple district exists) may submit one photo per year no later than **March 1** in *one* of the following five categories:
  - Landscapes (urban or natural)
  - Animal Life
  - Plant Life
  - Weather Phenomena
  - *Serving Our Environment* (this year's special theme)
- Each photo submission should **include** (in one of the official association languages) a **title** and a 25-word or less **description** of the photo and why the environment being depicted should be improved, protected or preserved.
- Photos submitted will be displayed at the Lions international convention and judged by convention registrants for the categories indicated and for "Best of Show." Clubs should submit their entries to the district or multiple district no later than January 1.
- Multiple districts and single districts may conduct competitions among their respective clubs to select their finalist or "Best of Show" photo. Clubs should submit their entries to the district or multiple district no later than January 1.
- At all contest levels, all entries are to be judged in an objective manner by an impartial group of judges. *Winners are to be selected on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of environmental themes.*
- Photos and descriptions may be submitted to Lions Clubs International by e-mail or surface mail. A completed official entry form must accompany each entry. The contestant is responsible for ensuring that an e-mail file can be opened electronically and that the photo is received in good condition.
- *Photographs must be **original**, unaltered in any way, and taken solely for the purpose of this contest.* Photos depicting people will be disqualified. A photo may not be submitted twice. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to reject photos not meeting contest criteria.
- *Submitted photos shall become property of Lions Clubs International.* Lions Clubs International will be responsible for standardizing the size of the photo for framing and exhibiting. Entrants are responsible for all costs in taking and submitting photos.
- **Contest Award:** Winners will receive a suitable award.