

Preservation Parks

Preserving Our Heritage Photo Contest

2017 Contest Guidelines

- The photo contest is open to all amateur photographers, youth to adult. Amateur is defined as someone who derives less than 50% of their annual income from the sale of photographs or photographic works. Preservation Parks' employees and their families are ineligible to participate in the contest. Youth must be 17 years or younger. For questions or information please email contactparks@preservationparks.com.
- **Entry deadline is November 1, 2017.**
- **All photo entries must be emailed to entries@preservationparks.com.** Entries need to be a minimum resolution of 2400 x 3000 pixels and a maximum size of 5MB, and in jpeg/jpg format. No major digital enhancements or alterations will be accepted. Please do not include any watermarks, date stamps, borders, writing or quotes on photos.
- **Contest Categories:** *Park District Scenes, General Nature, Animals, Historical, and Youth.* Adult participants may enter two (2) entries per category. Youth may enter three (3) entries total. All photos, except those entered in the historical category, must be taken in a Preservation Parks park. Please visit our website to see all Preservation Parks sites.
- **Each photo entry must have the following information:** Photographer's name, address, phone and email along with location and date of photo, and the category you are entering each photo.
- All entries will be visible in category folders on the Preservation Parks Facebook page where visitors can vote on their favorite photos. **People's Choice voting runs November 2 -24, 2017.**
- Photos will be judged by a panel of Park District staff and will be judged on content, image quality, composition, creativity, and storytelling.
- First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category. A "Best of Show" ribbon will be awarded in both adult and youth categories. A People's Choice winner will be chosen based on the number of votes photos receive on the District's Facebook page.
- Preservation Parks will hold a public showing of all winning photo entries December 1 – 31, 2017 at the Deer Haven Park Visitor Center, 4183 Liberty Road, Delaware.
- Photos must be your own and not taken by someone other than you. Your submission of the entry is your guarantee that you are the author, sole owner and copyright holder of the photo.
- Photos containing recognizable people (photos showing faces) must be accompanied by a signed model release form included here. A form must be signed by each person in the photo.
- By entering this contest, each entrant agrees to the use of their name and/or photograph in any Preservation Parks' publication, advertisement, or merchandise without further notice or compensation. Preservation Parks can publish or use any submitted photograph at their sole discretion, giving credit to the photographer where possible. The entrant still retains the right to use and publish their photograph. Preservation Parks reserves the right to reject any photograph if it is deemed as containing objectionable or questionable content.

Contest Categories

- Park District Scenes – Photos may capture natural or historical features, structures, events, areas, or people found within Park District parks. Photos may include people but NO portraits will be accepted. Park location must be clearly identified on the entry tag.
- General Nature –Phenomena of nature and the environment must be depicted in this category. This could include landscapes, plants, and natural phenomena of nature and the environment. The human element may be present but should be unobtrusive and only to enhance the scene. Photos must be taken in Park District parks.
- Animals – Photos in this category may include only wild animals. No domesticated animals will be permitted. Photos of livestock at Gallant Farm should be entered in the historical category. Photos must be taken in Park District parks.
- Historical – Photo entries in this category must capture an aspect of Delaware County’s history and can be taken anywhere in Delaware County, including Preservation Parks sites.
- Youth – Photos in this category must be taken by youth between the ages of 11 and 17. Photos must be related to any of the topics listed in the adult categories. Photos must be taken in Park District parks. Historical photos may be taken anywhere in Delaware County.

Model Release Form

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Preservation Parks to utilize photographs of myself and/or the child listed below to be used exclusively for the promotion and marketing (such as publicity photos, printed brochures, advertisements, commercials, and website) of Preservation Parks, its parks, programs, events, services and facilities. I understand that the images may be used at their sole discretion at any time. By signing this release, I agree that I will not be compensated for the use of the aforementioned materials and agree to waive any claims or demands from Preservation Parks, its employees, volunteers or photo contest entrants.

Name of “Model(s)” _____

Signature of “Model(s)” _____

Parents Signature (if model(s) under 18 years of age)