

# **Official rule of the Outdoor Club of South Jersey's Photo Contest**

## **Sponsor:**

The sponsor of the photo contest is the Outdoor Club of South Jersey (OCSJ)

## **Purpose of the OCSJ Photo Contest:**

The photo contest has no other purpose other than for fun and for fellow members to display their photo skills. It will also showcase field trips and events hosted by OCSJ. Enjoy!

## **Categories:**

There will be five (5) categories to this contest. The categories will be Nature, Scenic, People, Architecture and Sunsets.

## **Definition of Categories:**

**Nature** - Can be photos of Nature only. No humans, domestic animals, buildings nor anything made by a human can be seen in this category. Example of nature photos are flowers, mushrooms, trees, rocks, insects, birds, wild animals in the wild (not in a zoo). Remember to look at your finished photo in detail. If any part (even a small part) of the photo shows any of the forbidden items in this category, it will not be accepted into this category – no exceptions.

**Scenic** - This category is more open. Scenic photos are photos of nature whereas most of the photo is of nature, but other elements such as humans, pets, buildings, etc. can be, but doesn't have to be incorporated into the photo. About 2/3 or more of the photo has to be of nature content. Only about 1/3 of the photo can be of other "non-Nature" content. Some examples of scenic photos would be vistas, trails with trees/nature around it, a nature shot with a bridge, a nature shot with someone looking into the vista, etc.

**People** - This category is for photos of people. The people in the photo don't have to be club members, but it would be preferred. The photo can consist of any number of people from one to many. For example, it can be a photo of a group, an individual, or people with their pet(s). The setting can be any setting as long as the photo was taken during an OCSJ outing.

**Architecture** - This category is for photos of buildings, bridges or anything with an interesting architecture. People or people with their pets can be included in the photo.

**Sunsets/Sunrises** - This category can consist of a photo of a sunset or sunrise. There is not restriction as to location, size or whatever else is in the photo.

## **Where/When?:**

All photo entries must be taken from an OCSJ outing from January 01, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Photo entries from a non-OCSJ outing and/or not in the contest date guideline will not be accepted. Please caption your photo accordingly (eg. Palisades hike, spring 2016, etc)

## **Who Can Enter?:**

Any paid member of the OCSJ can enter. Participants must register on the Photo Scramble web site to be able to enter, upload photo's and vote.

### **Number of Entries:**

Each contestant can enter a maximum of 3 photos for each category on the honor system. For example, if you want to enter photos into all five categories, you can enter a maximum of 15 photos for the entire contest.

### **Judging:**

Judging will be done by the members who have registered on the Photo Scramble website (required). Each member may select/vote for only one (1) photo from each category. In other words, if you want to vote in each category, you can only vote for a total of 5 times for the entire contest. Judging is only from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **Prizes:**

There will be a total of 15 winning pictures, 3 from each category. The top vote getting photo will be displayed/printed on the front cover of the OCSJ 2018 12 month calendar. The rest of the winning photo's will be displayed in the calendar in no particular order. In the event of a tie for 15<sup>th</sup> place, every effort will be made to get all photo's in the calendar.

### **Entry Dates:**

All photo's are to be uploaded between the dates of September 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, no photo's will be allowed to be entered and the voting will begin.

### **To Enter:**

To enter, go to any of the Meet Up pages of the OCJJ (Hiking/Camping/Backpacking – Canoeing and Cross Country Skiing). Click on the Photo Contest Meet Up on that page and click the links to the Photo Scramble website. You'll need to register on the Photo Scramble website to enter your pictures. From there, follow the prompts to upload and then vote. Keep your original photo on your hard drive so that if you win, you can send your photo to us to be put into the calendar. Make sure you use a high definition setting on your camera so that your photo will show up nicely on the printed calendar. A photo with low resolution may be rejected for the calendar, even if it is a winner. If possible, photos are preferred to be in landscape format. Photo Scramble allows photos up to 8mb only.

When posting your photo, please make sure your name is posted plus where and when the photo was taken..

### **Fees:**

There are no fees to enter.

### **More Info**

By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to all rules of the contest and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the rules. All entries will become property of the Outdoor Club of South Jersey (OCSJ), which may use any image for its own purpose (promotions, etc.). Contestants will not be compensated if your photo is used for any purpose outside of this contest.

The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is

an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

**The photograph must not contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.**

Disguising or misrepresenting the origin of your content is cause for disqualification.

OCSJ reserves the right to examine the original photograph/source material in order to confirm compliance with the rules. Photos that do not meet the rules criteria or are inappropriate may be rejected at the discretion of the board.

**Contact:**

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