

Showcase Camden County Photo Contest Guidelines

The Camden County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to launch the 2023 Showcase Camden County Photo Contest. This contest calls for photographers to submit their best photos of Camden County, Georgia and its activities, people, attractions and events, as well as historic and scenic locations. Camden County's natural landscapes and unique events provide limitless creative inspiration to individuals that enjoy seeing the world through the lens of a camera.

Photo Contest Categories

One winner per category will be awarded. Each winning category and overall winner participant will receive a Certificate as the Winner of each Category and be recognized at the Board of Commissioners Meeting.

The categories are as follows:

- **Landscapes**

(Seascapes, Outdoor Scenes, Farms, Docks & Rivers, Gardens, Parks, Historic Sites)

- **Nature/Wildlife**

(Plants, Flowers, Trees, Animals, Insects, & Birds, Seasons, Storms)

- **Sunrise/Sunset**

(Capture the great energy that marks the beginning of a beautiful new day or a sunset that marks the end of another peaceful day)

- **Transportation**

(Planes, Railroad/Trains, Vehicles/Classic Cars, Boats/Boating, Roadways/Dirt Roads, Interstate 95, Bicycles)

Experience, Explore, & Discover Camden County, Georgia!

Contest Rules

No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win.

Photo Eligibility

To enter you must be a Georgia resident and ages 17 and under require parent/guardian consent on the entry form. The competition is open to **amateurs and professionals**. The photo subject must be **relevant to Camden County, Georgia**. Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than you. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo. Additionally, please have any people or business establishments sign a consent form if they will appear in your photo [see consent form attached].

Number of Entries

An individual may submit no more than two (2) entries per category in the contest.

Photo Subject Restrictions

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public government website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. Camden County retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content. Please do not show commercial brand images/logos or names of private businesses in your photo.

Return of Photos

Photos will not be returned.

Ownership/Rights

Photographers retain the copyright to their photograph(s). By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph(s) displayed on the Camden County website. No fee or other form of compensation will be remitted to a photographer if his/her photo(s) is/are selected by Camden County for placement on its website or social media platforms. By entering the contest, photographers also agree to allow Camden County to feature their photo(s) in any publication produced by Camden County Government or any other entity. Photographers also agree to allow Camden County to display their (photos) at various locations in Camden County. By entering the contest, the photographer is giving Camden County permission to use the photo(s) in current and future publications pertaining to Camden County.

Photo Formats

Entries that are color images, black and white images, sepia toned and duotone images are eligible. All prints must be printed 8x10. Digital images must be at least 300 dpi. Minor digital enhancement is permitted.

Permitted:

- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained.
- Red-eye removal and spot editing.
- One-step enhancement (such as "Auto Fix, "Quick Fix" "Auto Levels", etc.)
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
- Use of corrective filters to improve the natural appearance of the image such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance and tint.

Not Permitted:

- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- Artistic filters are not permitted.
- Adding borders or frames to images is not permitted.

How to Enter:

Each entry must include an **8x10 print AND an electronic copy via disk or email**. Digital images must be at least 300 dpi. A completed entry form must be submitted with EACH photograph submitted, along with a completed consent form. If submitting multiple entries, please name and number each print to match a corresponding entry form. Prints and disks will not be returned. **Entries must be postmarked by Friday, September 1, 2023.**

PLEASE MAIL ENTRIES TO:
Camden County Board of County Commissioners
ATTN: Photo Contest
P.O. Box 99
Woodbine, Georgia 31569

Entries may also be dropped off at the Government Services Complex located at 200 East 4th Street in Woodbine, or at the Planning & Development office located in the County Annex Building located at 107 Gross Road, Suite 3 in Kingsland.

Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and unique character of Camden County, Georgia. A panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

Winners

A winning photograph will be chosen among each of the four categories. An overall photograph will be chosen among all of the submitted photos of each category. Winners will be notified 2-3 weeks after the contest deadline by phone or email using the information on the entry form.

Prizes

- Winning category participants will receive public recognition during a Board of County Commissioner's meeting.
- Winning photographs will be featured on the County's website, social media sites, and in future publications with photo credit.
- Winning photographs will be displayed throughout the Government Services Complex in Woodbine, Georgia.

Additional Terms and Conditions

Camden County is not responsible for lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete or late entries. Camden County is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. Camden County reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that Camden County has reason to believe is not the original work or does not meet qualifications or contest rules. All winners are subject to all requirements set forth in the Official Contest Rules. By participating in this contest you agree to release and hold harmless Camden County and all its employees, officers, affiliates, agents and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. Camden County and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.