Experience the Estuary Photo Contest Rules

Background
The Delaware Estuary is a six-thousand square mile watershed that includes portions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. It is home to over 6 million people, hundreds of streams, and a diversity of wildlife. The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PDE) is proud to announce its first Experience the Estuary photography contest to anyone who wants to enter. So go wild! Show off your photography skills and capture the beauty of the Delaware Estuary.

How to Enter
- Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
- Only entries submitted through the official contest app on Facebook will be considered.
- Photographs must be in a Facebook-accepted format. Facebook accepts .bmp, .gif, .jpg, .png, and .tif files.
- High quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable.
- Multiple entries by a single photographer must be submitted separately (maximum of six photos per person). Each photo may only be submitted once — no repeats.

**To be considered, entries must include the town where the photo was taken and by whom.**

Entries will be accepted between August 1 and August 31, 2020.

Who May Enter
Anyone of any age, from anywhere can submit up to six photos.

Categories
Photos should be taken in the Delaware Estuary. (See map.)

Photo submissions will be sorted and judged into the following categories:
- *Wildlife* – Highlight the diverse animals that call the estuary home
- *Landscapes* – Highlight the scenic beauty of the Delaware Estuary
- *People in Nature* – Highlight people recreating within natural spaces in the Estuary
- *Cities and Nature* – Highlight creeks, streams, and rivers in cities and towns

Prizes
There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner for each of the four contest categories.

1st Place – all categories — $100 gift card
2nd Place — all categories — $50 gift card
3rd Place — all categories — Horseshoe crab stuffed animal

Judging
Photos will be judged on content, clarity, and creativity. A panel of professional photographers and members the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary staff will select the top three photos from each category.

Releases
All entrants are responsible for obtaining any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of their photograph. This includes any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant, material that is subject to the rights of third parties, and any people who appear in the photograph. By submitting their photo(s), entrants grant the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and partners a royalty-free right to use the photo, with or without attribution, for any educational purposes and for raising money to support our mission. The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary reserves the right to disqualify inappropriate or incomplete entries and/or contestants who are unable to submit, upon request, a high-resolution photograph.

Questions?
Contact Elizabeth with any questions at ehorsey@delawareestuary.org.

Good luck!