

12th ANNUAL MINGO SWAMP FRIENDS FLORA AND FAUNA PHOTO CONTEST

The Mingo Swamp Friends Photo Contest showcases Mingo National Wildlife Refuge and our native wildlife and plants to people around the state. Contest participants demonstrate their love of Mingo NWR and nature by sharing their photos.

Entrant Categories

- **Youth** (17 and younger as of August 1, 2017)
- **Adult** (18 and older)
- **Professional** (persons making more than 25% of their income from photography)

Photo Categories

- Mingo Landscape – *photo must have been taken at Mingo NWR*
- People in Nature – *photo must have been taken at Mingo NWR*
- Native Wildlife
- Native Plants

Photos will be judged on the following criteria:

- Overall impact
- Technical excellence
- Originality
- Subject matter appropriate to Mingo NWR

Winner Premiums

- Best of Show: \$50
- First Place in each photo and entrant category: \$25
- Second Place in each photo and entrant category: \$15
- Third Place in each photo and entrant category: \$10

Submission Guidelines

1. Contestants may enter only one photo per category. Photos entered in previous Mingo Swamp Friends Flora and Fauna Photo Contests will not be accepted.
2. All photos must be 8" x 10" in size and matted to an 11" x 14" outer measurement.
3. A high quality digital file (e.g. .jpg) of each photo must be submitted with the photo via email to mingoswampfriends@gmail.com, SD card, or USB drive.
4. A signed release form must be submitted with each entry giving Mingo Swamp Friends permission to use submitted photos for promotional and educational purposes including bookstore sales.

Entry Fee

A fee of \$5.00 per entry is required to help cover the costs of display and transportation. An entry fee of \$25 will cover four entries **plus** a one year membership in Mingo Swamp Friends. *We'd love to have you join us in support of Mingo NWR, the photo contest, and various educational and service activities.*

Submit photos, digital files and entry fees in person at the Mingo National Wildlife Refuge or by mail to:

Mingo Swamp Friends Photo Contest
Mingo National Wildlife Refuge
24279 State Hwy 51
Puxico, MO 63960

Questions? Phone (573) 222-3589 or email mingoswampfriends@gmail.com

All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m on Tuesday, August 1, 2017

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The outcome of the judging will be announced in September 2017. Contest winners will be mailed their premiums then. Photos that place will be kept until August 2018. Photos that do not place may be picked up at Mingo NWR visitor center after the winners have been announced.

Upon entry in the contest, participants acknowledge that neither Mingo Swamp Friends, Mingo NWR nor any sponsors of the contest are responsible for damaged or lost photos, or liable for copyright or other legal disputes that may arise from this competition.

The photo contest is sponsored by Mingo Swamp Friends, with support from local businesses and Mingo NWR. Mingo Swamp Friends and Mingo NWR reserve the right to publish winning photos in future promotional and educational publications without compensation to the photographer.

Fill out the form below plus a release form for each photo submitted. Attach this form to the back of the photo. Please print legibly.

On the back of each photo indicate which side of the photo is up.

Check one:

YOUTH		ADULT		PROFESSIONAL	
Mingo Landscape*		Mingo Landscape*		Mingo Landscape*	
People in Nature*		People in Nature*		People in Nature*	
Native Wildlife		Native Wildlife		Native Wildlife	
Native Plants		Native Plants		Native Plants	

**These photos must have been taken at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge.*

Photo Title: _____

Location Taken: _____ Date Taken (if known): _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For parent or guardian of underage children: I am the parent/guardian of this entrant, and I declare that I have read the contest rules and am satisfied that it would benefit the interests of this child to participate on the basis of those rules, terms and conditions.

Name of entrant: _____ Birth date of entrant: _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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I give Mingo Swamp Friends permission to use this photo print and digital file for promotional and educational activities related to Mingo National Wildlife Refuge without compensation. I acknowledge that neither Mingo Swamp Friends, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, nor any contest sponsors are responsible for lost or damaged photographs, or liable for copyright or other legal disputes that may arise from this competition.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____