

## 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 2019)
- **Adult** (18 and older)

### 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. There is no limit on entries. 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.
3. A high quality digital file (e.g. .jpg) of each photo must be submitted with the photo via email to [mingoswampfriends@gmail.com](mailto: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 adult entry is required to help cover the costs of display and transportation (there is no fee for youth entries). 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 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](mailto:mingoswampfriends@gmail.com)

**All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m on Thursday, August 1, 2019.**

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The outcome of the judging will be announced in September 2019. Contest winners will be mailed their premiums then. Photos that place will be kept until August 2020. 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	
Mingo Landscape*		Mingo Landscape*	
People in Nature*		People in Nature*	
Native Wildlife		Native Wildlife	
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: \_\_\_\_\_

## COPYRIGHT RELEASE AGREEMENT

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: \_\_\_\_\_