

2023-2024 USACE Water Safety Photo Contest

Submission Deadline is 31 January 2025

The USACE Water Safety Photo Contest is an excellent opportunity to showcase your photographs and talent. Winning photographers will receive some outstanding items that can be used to promote water safety. This photo contest is open to all USACE employees and volunteers including PAO and ACE-IT employees.

Photos submitted must have been taken in 2023 or 2024 at a Corps of Engineers project or off-site at an event/program involving the Corps of Engineers. * Photos in all categories except for the non-water related recreation category should depict the promotion of water safety, demonstrate safe water practices, and/or showcase water-based recreation facilities. Photos will be judged for clarity, composition, originality, visual impact, and topic.



2023/2024 Categories:

- *1. USACE Employees in Action (includes water safety mascots)
- *2. USACE Partners or Volunteers in Action (pictures of contractors cannot be submitted in this category)
- *3. Commercial Boating
- *4. Water Recreation
5. Non-water Recreation (camping, hunting, bicycling, picnicking, wildlife watching, geocaching, hiking, etc)

Contest entries must be sent to your National Water Safety Committee Division Representative. Contact information can be found on the NRM Gateway in the Water Safety Section under Committee Members. <https://corpslakes.erd.c.dren.mil/employees/watersafety/members.cfm>

Submission Requirements:

- It is recommended that you submit original photo taken.
- Photographers are encouraged to set digital cameras to their highest resolution possible.
- Entries should be at least 300 dpi resolutions and 5" by 7" in size.
- Photos with date stamps or artwork embedded on it will not be accepted.
- Each photographer may submit up to three photos per category.
- A completed **ENG Form 5067-R**, Digital Library Image Information (Appendix B of ER 25-1-91) must be submitted with every entry. Indicate the category you are entering in the 'remarks' box.
https://www.publications.usace.army.mil/Portals/76/Publications/EngineerForms/ENG_FORM_5067_May_1998.pdf
- Close-up images of someone under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a **signed DD Form 2830 (general talent release)** or district equivalent to be considered in the contest. DD Form 2830 can be found at this link, scroll down the list to find it. https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/dd2500_2999/
- Submitting entries via email is the preferred method of submitting entries. If the files are too large to email, then please contact your National Water Safety Committee Division Representative. All files associated with your photo must have similar names or be saved in its own separate folder.
- Photos of visitors that are on or near the water must all be wearing life jackets that are properly sized and buckled including those in the background.

- All uniformed employees shown in photos should be wearing the complete and proper uniform for the activity in which they are engaged; for example, when outdoors, **campaign hats** should be worn, unless the park ranger is on a boat or on bike patrol. Review ER & EP 1130-2-550, Chapter 8 for details on wearing the proper uniform. In most situations it is recommended that employees should not be wearing **sunglasses** in the photos. For example, if an employee is operating a boat a photo of an employee wearing sunglasses is okay, but if they are talking to a visitor or at an event sunglasses should not be worn in the photos that are submitted.
- Ensure all people in the photos are wearing proper personal protective equipment that is associated with the activity they are doing in accordance with the USACE Safety Manual EM 385-1-1.

Checking for 300 DPI Photos

You can check your photo DPI by using Paint which can be found by:

- Going to your computer's Start menu under Windows Accessories
- Open Paint
- Click on "File" and then "Open"
- Select picture and open
- Click on "File" and then "Properties" to check DPI resolution

For help manipulating your photo, your District Public Affairs Office may be able to assist you. However, they must have a high resolution photo to start with. If you think you have a high quality photo, but are unable to find anyone to manipulate it, go ahead and submit it. Just let your Division representative know that you would like for us to attempt to fix it for you.

AWARDS

All winners will receive a certificate with their winning photo. First place winners will receive a paddling educational kit that includes a life jacket and table-top flip chart display to use for interpretive/educational purposes. Winners will be announced by Headquarters NLT 30 April 2025.

Photos entered in this contest are considered public domain and can be used by the USACE, partners and others. USACE reserves the right to use and distribute any photos entered into this contest so that they can be used in exhibits, publications, web pages or other forms of public information, regardless of contest outcomes. For more information regarding this contest contact your National Water Safety Division Representative.