

USACE Water Safety Photo Contest

Submission deadline is 30 September 2009

The 2009 USACE Photo Contest is open to all USACE employees and official Corps volunteers. Submissions are encouraged in nine categories and should depict the promotion of water safety, demonstrate safe water practices, and/or showcase water-based recreation facilities. 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 normally 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. Photos with date stamps will not be accepted. Photos will be judged for clarity, composition, originality, visual impact, and theme.

2009 Categories:

1. Commercial Boating
2. Hunters and Anglers (in/on/near water)
3. Water Sports (swimming, boating, water play)
4. USACE employees in action around water
5. Volunteer employees in action around water
6. Scenic Water Scenes (must feature a Corps project)
7. Environmental Stewardship at Corps water resources projects
8. Boat Accidents/Water-based Recreation Mishaps occurring at a Corps project
9. Flora/Fauna (does not require water safety connection, but should be related to Corps projects)

Photos that depict something to do with boating or water safety will be given the highest consideration for awards in every category. The award consists of a plaque or framed award that showcases the winning entry. Entries into categories #7, Environmental Stewardship, and #9, Flora/Fauna, are NOT eligible for overall "Best of Show" award due to this being a water safety-focused contest. However, first, second and honorable mention awards will be given for top winners in those and all other categories.

Submission Formats:

Photographers are encouraged to set digital cameras to their highest resolution possible. Entries should be at least 300 dpi resolution and 5" by 7" in size. Each photographer may submit up to three photos per category. All entries must be accompanied by a completed ENG Form 5067-R, Digital Library Image Information (Appendix B of ER 25-1-91). Indicate the category you are entering in the 'remarks' box. <http://140.194.76.129/publications/eng-regs/er25-1-91/a-b.pdf>

You can check dpi using Microsoft Office Picture Manager, which is on all ACE-IT refresh computers. You can find this program on the Start menu by pulling up "All Programs", then click "Microsoft Office" and "Microsoft Office Tools". Open the photo using Picture Manager and right click on the picture. From the pop-up menu, left click on "Properties". From the right-hand panel that pops up, left click on "More" to view dpi.

For help manipulating your photo, most District Public Affairs offices have personnel with better quality photo software that enables them to manipulate dpi; 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.

Close-up images of people should be accompanied by a signed DD Form 2830 (general talent release) <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/efoms/dd2830.pdf> or district equivalent.

Contest entries must be sent to your respective National Water Safety Project Delivery Team (PDT) Division Representative. You can find your representative in the water safety section of the NRM Gateway at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/watersafety/members.html> by clicking on Committee members and going to the "members" link at the bottom of that page. Compact disc is usually the preferred method of delivery to your National Water Safety PDT division representative, but some may provide other options.

Submission deadline is 30 September 2009. Winners will be announced by Headquarters in November. Previous contest winners may enter. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reserves the right to use any photos entered into this contest in exhibits, publications, web pages or other forms of public information, regardless of contest outcomes. For more information, contact your National Water Safety PDT division representative.

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