



BLANCHARD SPRINGS PHOTO CONTEST



WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Blanchard Springs Photo Contest will be held during our 40th celebration of Blanchard Springs, 40 Days of Blanchard, and is open to all photographers within the specified divisions. The contest is divided into two categories, both open to the public. It is open to all photographers with the exception to employees of the Forest Service. Blanchard Springs reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, entrant eligibility. The winner(s) will receive a pair of tickets for the Wild Cave Tour. All category winners and finalists will be highlighted on Blanchard Springs Caverns website on or after July 7, 2013.

THEME

The contest seeks photographs highlighting the natural beauty of the Ozark National Forest and Blanchard Springs Caverns. When taking photos, use your imagination!

DIVISION

General—Open to ALL photographers at least 18 years of age. Please note that Blanchard Springs reserves all rights to photos that have been submitted into the contest.

Youth—Young photographers ages 10 to 17. Youth division entrants must read and accept the Youth Agreement and have their parent or legal guardian also agree by checking the appropriate boxes on the Youth Agreement section.

CATEGORIES

Ozark National Forest Photos: We are looking for stunning images of the forest and/or wildlife. These images may show animal behavior, portraits of wildlife in natural habitat, plant life, and/or natural landscapes.

Blanchard Springs Cavern Photos: We are looking for photographs that unearth the remarkable landscape of the world below the Ozark National Forest.

There will be a photo tour on May 30, 2013 held on the Discovery Tour by reservation only.

HOW TO ENTER

All entries must be submitted in print format no larger than 5x7 with a digital copy in .jpg format attached. To enter, please send photos to Alicia Avey at Blanchard Springs Visitor Information Center. Entries must be submitted no later than June 27, 2013.

- Minor burning, dodging and/or color correction is acceptable. Hand tinting is acceptable, as is cropping. Fish-eye lenses are acceptable. High dynamic range images (HDR) and stitched

panoramas are acceptable only if the combined parts are all made around the same time. Any changes to the original Photograph not itemized here are unacceptable and will render the Photograph ineligible for a prize.

JUDGING

Photographs will be judged on **originality, technical excellence, composition, and artistic merit**. Contest entrants agree to abide by the terms of these Official Rules and by the decisions of the judges, which are final on all matters pertaining to the Contest.

RIGHTS

Entrants' submissions must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person and entrant must not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

Submission of an entry shall constitute the grant of a non-exclusive, royalty free license to Ozark National Forest and Blanchard Springs Caverns, and its' sub-licensees, to reproduce, display, prepare derivative works, distribute to the public by sale or other transfer, and to utilize the photograph submitted for any purpose, including but not limited to publication on the Internet, interpretive publications, and commercial uses. Entrants further grant to Ozark National Forest and Blanchard Springs Caverns the right of use and to publish their proper name and state of residence on the Internet and in print, or in any other media in connection with the Contest. Acceptance of a prize constitutes permission for Ozark National Forest and Blanchard Springs Caverns to use winners' names and likeness for promotional purposes without additional compensation.

SUBMISSION

- **Please include submission form with both print copy and digital copy to Alicia Avey.**
- **Submissions can be submitted either in person at Blanchard Springs Visitor Information Center or by mail to Sylamore Ranger District, 1001 East Main St., Mountain View, AR 72560.**
- **The same photo can be entered in more than one category.**

YOUTH AGREEMENT and LEGAL CONDITIONS

- **This agreement must be accepted by both the youth entrant and his or her parent or legal guardian.**
- **By entering this competition, you agree to these entry terms and the following legal conditions:**

By entering the contest through submission of all entry materials, entrant and/or entrant's parent or legal guardian (if the entrant is a minor between the ages of 13 and 17 inclusive) agree to: (i) accept and be bound by the decisions of BSC which are final and binding in all matters; (ii) release and hold BSC harmless for any and all liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to participation in this competition; (iii) hold BSC harmless from and against any claims inconsistent with the Rules; (iv) permit BSC to use the entrant's name, likeness, and entry for any purpose in relation to the contest, including but not limited to publicity purposes, without additional

compensation; and (v) read, understand, accept, and be bound by all contest Rules and the terms of this Agreement. Also, entrant and/or entrant's parent or legal guardian agree that: (i) electronically signing this document by checking the box is of free will and is a voluntary act, and (ii) any photographs submitted by entrant are (a) original, (b) not now in the public domain, and (c) do not infringe any copyrights or on the rights of third parties.

PRIZE

- **The winner of each category will receive (2) tickets for the Wild Cave Tour.**

BLANCHARD SPRINGS PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Print and complete a copy of this form for each photo you submit.

Name: _____

Age (if you are 18 or under): ____

Address: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title or a Clear Description of Photo: _____

Type of Photo: Circle One: (Print and Digital)

Size of Photo: Circle One: (4x6 or 5x7)

Please state what category your photo represents: _____
