

Picture Yourself in *Theodore Roosevelt National Park*



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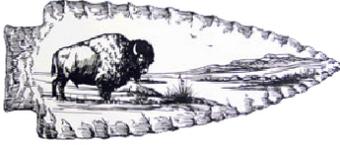
2013 Photo Contest Official Rules Packet



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Official Rules

CONTEST SPONSOR

The Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association is the official sponsor of the annual "Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest. For more information on this cooperating association please visit www.trnha.org

TERM

The 2013 Photography Contest begins April 19, 2013 at 12:00:00 a.m. US Mountain Time and **ends August 31, 2013, 11:59 PM US Mountain Time**. Information on entering the contest and prizes that will be awarded can be found below. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the Official Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules. This is a skill based contest and chance plays no part in the determination of winners.

WHO MAY ENTER

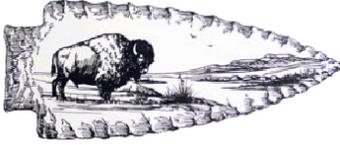
Contest is open to any person regardless of age. If entering as a minor, please fill out the photo release form and submit with your application package. Employees of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association or members of TRNHA Board of Directors are not eligible for entry.

HOW TO ENTER

Each Entry consists of an entry form, up to two images, and a photo release form if necessary. (Limit one entry per applicant.) To enter, visit <http://www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html> or <http://www.nps.gov/thro/parknews/2013-park-pass-photo-contest.htm> ; complete an entry form with the required information, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, and photo caption; and submit along with your photograph in accordance with the instructions that follow.

All photos must have been taken between September 10, 2012 and September 1, 2013. There are no specific categories to the contest, however photos must be recognizable as taken in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and may contain any natural, cultural, or historical subject within the three units of the park.

Photographs must be in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this Contest. The photograph need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable. All digital files must be in JPEG



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or JPG. All photo files should be named using the following filename format: mm/dd/yy_firstname.jpg.

The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

The photograph must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Sponsor, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

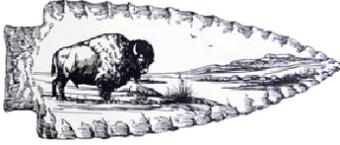
RELEASES

If the photograph contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these Official Rules without additional compensation. If any person appearing in any photograph is under the age of 18 the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.

Upon Sponsor's request, each entrant must be prepared to provide (within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of Sponsor's request) a signed release from all persons who appear in the photograph submitted, and/or from the owner of any material that appears in the photograph entry, authorizing Sponsor and its licensees ("Authorized Parties") to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entry in connection with the Contest and promotion of the Contest, in any media now or hereafter known. All releases must be in the form provided by Sponsor. Failure to provide such releases upon request may result in disqualification at any time during the Contest and selection of an alternate winner. Photo release forms can be downloaded at www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html or <http://www.nps.gov/thro/parknews/2013-park-pass-photo-contest.htm>

JUDGING

Contest consists of two rounds of evaluation. In Round One, a panel of judges will select twelve finalist based on the following criteria: (1) Representation of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (50% of overall score); (2) Composition (20% of overall score); (3) Creativity (20% of overall score); (4) Technical Quality



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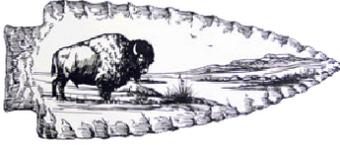


(10% of overall score); The entries selected in Round One will proceed to Round Two. In Round Two, the Judges will rank the top 12 applicants indicating placing beginning with a Grand Prize winner. In the event of a tie, the tied entries will be re-submitted to the judges for a re-judging between the tied entries alone. In the event that a tie remains after re-judging, the entry that best represents Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be declared the winner. Finalist will be notified mid-November and the winners will be announced during [Medora's Old Fashioned Christmas](#) in early December. Decisions of the judges are final and binding.

Contest Prizes

All prizes will be awarded in December during the 2013 Award Ceremony. If you are unable to attend the event your prize will be mailed to you.

- The Twelve Finalist will be featured in a 2014 Calendar. The calendar will go on sale the day of the awards ceremony and will be sold at Theodore Roosevelt National Park while supplies last.
- Finalist photographs will be temporarily on display in the park visitor centers and may be featured in park publications, park website, and TRNHA's website.
- All finalists will receive a certificate of participation stating they were chosen as a finalist.
- The contest sponsor will award various prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
- The Grand Prize winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2014 park annual pass. Additionally, the winner will have their photo on the cover of the 2014 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.



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Photo Contest Judging Criteria – Judging is weighted as listed below

Park Representation (accounts for 50% of the total score)

This is the most important judging criteria as it is very important that the image represents Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

- When you look at the photo can you say with 100% certainty it was taken in the park?
- Is the photo one that would make someone say, “I want to visit that park?”

Composition (accounts for 20% of the total score)

In a strong photo, there should be a sense of overall organization. While entire books are written on composition, at the most basic level, composition is the process of establishing a sense of order for the elements within an image

- Are the items of interest placed well in the photo?
- Are there distracting elements?

Creativity (accounts for 20% of the total score)

In short, taking a fresh look at and lending the photographer's unique thinking and vision to any subject.

- Is the subject matter pictured in a unique way or is a common item shown from an interesting point-of-view?
- Does the photo demonstrate originality?
- Has the photographer used light in interesting ways?
- Does it have that wow factor?

Technical Quality (accounts for 10% of the total score)

With the exception of photos that either intentionally show motion or are taken as soft-focus images (such as a portrait), tack-sharp focus is one of the first things that everyone notices about an image. The sharpest point of the picture should pinpoint what the photographer sees as the most important aspect of the image.

- Is the photo in focus?
- Is lighting in balance?
- Does the color appear natural and/or does it help set the mood of the image?



Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Official Entry Form 2013



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete ALL fields. Missing information will disqualify your photos.

2. Press the "Save" button.

3. Rename photo filenames using the example below:

mm/dd/yy_firstname.jpg
example: 12/22/12_John.jpg

4. Create an e-mail message. Attach the photos and this entry form to the e-mail.

5. Submit the completed email to: info@trnha.org

6. Failure to submit any of the required information will result in disqualification.

COPYRIGHT OPTION

If your photo is not selected as a finalist/winner and you **DO NOT** want your submission to be archived (with attribution) in the official Park collection for future use. Please check this box

Form Problem?

[Click here to download the latest version of Adobe Reader.](#)

FULL NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

COUNTRY

EMAIL TELEPHONE

Hometown Newspaper and/or Other Media Outlet

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CONTEST?

EACH PHOTO MEETS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

- JPEG Format
- Taken by the above listed contestant
- High Quality Image
- Named in the correct format. *12/22/2012_John.jpg*
- Captured between 9/10/ 2012 and 9/1/ 2013

PHOTO #1 Details

Photo Title

File name

Date Taken

PHOTO #2 Details

Photo Title

File name

Date Taken

I have read and agree to all terms and copyright conditions of this contest. If any photo contains an identifiable person(s) I will submit a release form.

Contestant Signature

Today's Date



National Park Service Release Form

I hereby grant the National Park Service, Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association, or their authorized representatives and contractors, the right to make visual recordings, audio recordings, still images, and/or to otherwise capture material of me and any minor child under my control at the time the material is collected.

I hereby agree that the material will become the property of the National Park Service and the Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association and will not be returned. As such, I agree that the National Park Service and its assigns have the right to reproduce, prepare derivative works of, distribute or display and use these materials in whole or in part, for government and non-government purposes, in any manner or media (whether now existing or created in the future), in perpetuity, and in all languages throughout the world. Use of this material shall include, but not be limited to, audiovisual programs; museum exhibits; websites; publications; product artwork; and project publicity. Additionally, I waive the right to inspect or approve any use of the material and any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the material.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the National Park Service from all claims, demands, and causes of action that I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I agree to indemnify and hold the Government harmless for any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the activities associated with the project in which I am taking part.

Description of Material: _____

Signature/Date: _____

Printed Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (please include area code): _____

Organization/Group Name (if applicable): _____

If the person signing is under age 18, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows: I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person.

Parent or Guardian's Signature/Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Printed Signature _____

For NPS/Contractor Administrative Use Only:

Table with 6 columns: Park, Project, Location, Date, Contractor, NPS COR

Privacy Act Statement: This information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act (PL 93-579). 5 U.S.C. 301 and 7 CFR 260 authorizing acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data you furnish will be used only to provide the National Park Service with contact information pertaining to this release form.