



# 2015 Digital Photography Contest

## Photo Release & Entry Form

### Release by the Photographer

I do hereby make the following statements, release, assignments and assurances to the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior:

I certify that I (photographer) am the person who took the photograph(s), submitted herewith collectively, the photograph(s). And I have not assigned any of my rights associated with the photographs to any third party and have sole, complete and unrestricted authority to enter into this release and to grant the rights described in this release.

I release the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior from any liability whatsoever that arises from their use of the photographs except for uses that violate the terms and conditions of this release.

I hereby grant the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior the royalty-free and nonexclusive right to distribute, publish and use the photograph(s) in publications to promote Amistad National Recreation Area and the National Park Service or to use as they see fit.

Print (full name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This section must be completed to register each photograph. All fields are required.

Photo #	Photograph File Name	Category	Date Shot
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Complete if Photographer is under 18 years old.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Model Release Form: Photo

This photo release form will be used for all Amistad National Recreation Area, National Park Service & the U.S. Department of Interior brochures, websites, displays, articles, magazines, programs, advertisements or events.

## Photo Release for Adults & For Parent or Guardian of Minor

I, being 18 years or older, hereby consent that the photographs in which I (and/or my child) appear may be used by Amistad National Recreation Area, National Parks Service, its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television or film, without compensation. Furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs, films and negatives, and the plates or files from which they are made shall be their property, and they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce, and make other lawful uses of such photographs as they may desire, free and clear of any claim whatever on my part in perpetuity.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand, in the State of Texas, this**

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian must sign if under 18 years old.)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_, **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Amistad N.R.A. - 2015 Photo Contest Entry Rules

Amistad National Recreation Area will be celebrating its 25th birthday on November 28, 2015. We would like to take this historic occasion and offer a fun event for our park visitors. The theme for this years inaugural photo contest will be "Amistad 25 years of...". We hope that our park visitors can fill in the blank in the statement with their photo submission. Winning photos will be framed and put up for viewing in the Amistad National Recreation Visitor Center. For more information please call Ranger Amanda Curtis at 830-775-7491 ex 3211 or [Amanda\\_Curtis@nps.gov](mailto:Amanda_Curtis@nps.gov)

## Submitting Photographs

- A.)** Submitted photographs must be taken within the boundaries of Amistad National Recreation Area.
- B.)** Contestants must be amateur photographers. "Amateur" means that you earn less than 50% of your annual income through photography. Amateurs may have won cash prizes in other amateur photo contests.
- C.)** There are two age divisions: Youth Division contestants must be at least 6 years old and no older than 17. Youth contestants (under 18) must have a parent or legal guardian complete and sign the Photograph Entry Form. Adult Division is for contestants 18 and older.
- D.)** Only minor digital enhancements are allowed. Minor digital enhancements including cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner may be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, signatures or copyright images onto photos.
- E.)** Entry of photos: Contestants may enter only 1 photograph per category.
- F.)** The Photo Release Form, signed by the photographer, must accompany the photographs in order to be considered for the contest.
- G.)** Model/Portrait Release: Photographs that include recognizable adults and children must include a signed Model Release form before the photograph will be accepted into the photo contest and displayed. The Model Release form must be attached to the photo entry form.
- H.)** Contestants must submit their photographs digitally on a CD either in person or by mail. Prints will not be accepted.
- I.)** Mail or deliver in person to: Amistad National Recreation Area, 2015 Photography Contest, 4121 Veterans Blvd, Del Rio, TX 78840.
- J.)** Contest entries must be received by regular mail or personal delivery no later than **5 P.M. on Monday, August 31, 2015**.
- K.)** Amistad National Recreation Area Employees and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in the 2015 Digital Photography Contest.
- L.)** Resource Protection – Any submitted photo portraying visitors engaged in activities damaging park resources such as picking plants or harassing wildlife will automatically be disqualified.

## **Photo Format**

**A.)** Digital photographs received on CD must be a minimum resolution of 1024 X 768 (or higher) pixels. Formats that are accepted include: .jpg, .gif, .png, .bmp and .tif.

**B.)** Photographs may be either in vertical or horizontal format.

**C.)** The three (3) categories of the 2015 Digital Photography Contest are:

1. *Landscape*
2. *Plant and Animal Life*
3. *Recreation (people enjoying the park)*

**D.)** Judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and change a photograph's category accordingly.

## **Judging**

**A.)** Judges will base their decisions on the following qualities:

1. *Focus*
2. *Lighting*
3. *Composition*
4. *Impact*
5. *Creativity*
6. *Storytelling*

**B.)** There will be one winner for each of the three categories for each of the two age groups and out of those 6 winning photographs the Grand Champion will be chosen.

**C.)** The photos will be judged by a panel of Amistad National Recreation Area Staff & Volunteers. The winning photographs will be displayed in the Visitor Center at Amistad National Recreation Area and the winners will be announced via mail, e-mail, or phone.

**D.)** With a partnership with the Casa de La Cultura, selected photos will be displayed during the November First Friday Art Walk. During the Friday Art Walk the photo contest winners will be announced.

## **Use of the Photos**

**A.)** Entry materials will not be returned.

**B.)** Amistad National Recreation Area, the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior reserve the right to crop registered photographs for display purposes, if necessary, and for other needs as required or as they see fit.

**C.)** Amistad National Recreation Area has non-exclusive rights to use and publish the photograph on its website or in publications in conjunction with this contest. Amistad National Recreation Area may also use the photograph in other Department publications to promote the National Park Service and Amistad National Recreation Area, such as on its website, in National Park Service brochures, in magazines and for other marketing and promotional uses. Amistad National Recreation Area recognizes that the photographer owns the image and the copyright to the photograph. Photo credit will be given when photo is used.

## **Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> Place per category, per age group, and the additional Grand Champion will receive a copy of their photo printed on a faux canvas frame. Framed prints will remain on display at the Amistad Visitor Center until October 2016.