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## **2020 Trinity River Photo Contest Rules**

### Sponsor

Sponsor is Trinity Park Conservancy, 1444 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75207.

### Term

The 2019 Trinity River Photo Contest ("Contest") begins April 15, 2020 at 12:00:00pm CDT and ends October 12, 2020, 11:59:59pm CDT. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT 11:59:59PM CDT.

### Eligibility

The Contest is open to all photographers of any age.

Employees of the Trinity Park Conservancy, and their immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) or persons living in the same households of such employees, whether or not related are not eligible.

### How to Enter

Each entry consists of an entry form and a single photograph. There is no fee to enter photography into this Contest. To enter, visit <https://trinityparkconservancy.org/enjoy-it-now/events/photo-contest/>; complete an entry form with the required information, including your name, address, phone number, email address, division and category of the submission, photo caption, and the location the photo was taken; and submit along with your photograph.

The categories for entries are: (1) Nature, (2) People, (3) Places. Each entrant can submit a maximum of two (2) photographs per category, for a total of six (6) photographs per person. Photographs must meet the following requirements:

1. Photographs must be taken within the Trinity River Corridor, defined as the area between I-35 North at Webb Chapel to Hwy 175-S at I-20. Photos should be taken no more than 100 feet outside of the levees.
2. 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 10 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or .jpg format, and must be a minimum of 1,600 pixels wide (if a horizontal image) or 1,600 pixels tall (if a vertical image).
3. Photographs must have been taken within one (1) year prior to the date of entry and many not previously have won an award in the Trinity River Photo Contest.



4. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified.
5. Photographs that include sculptures, statues, and other works of art will be accepted as long as they do not constitute copyright infringement or fraud; provided entrants must be prepared to provide a release form. When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's art.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The caption must be complete and accurate, sufficient to convey the circumstances in which the photograph was taken. Disguising or misrepresenting the origin of your content is cause for disqualification.
9. Watermarks are unacceptable. Unless Sponsor receives a non-watermarked version of the entry within ten (10) days following its request, the entry will be disqualified.

The entries in each category will be judged separately, in accordance with the criteria described below. All entries must be received by October 12, 2020 at 11:59:59pm CDT. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt. We reserve the right to examine the original photograph/source materials in order to confirm compliance with these rules.

#### Timeline

<b>Apr 15 - Oct 12, 2020</b>	<b>Submissions are accepted.</b>
October, 2020	Submissions organized for judging.
November, 2020	Judging, independent panel review.
December, 2020	2020 Contest reception for participants.

#### Judging

Judging is done by an independent panel of experts. Each judge will review and evaluate. Photographs will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit.

Winners will be chosen before the end of the calendar year and will be notified by email. Checks are distributed by mail. A valid email address and mailing address must be provided to receive prize money, if selected. Decisions of the Judges are final and binding.



### 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. (For a photo release form, see our release here: [link to TPC release](#)). If any person appearing in any photograph is a minor (under the age of 18), the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.

### License

Your entry in the 2020 Trinity River Photo Contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs - and your name, city, state of residence (school and grade for youth participants) - to be published as award winners, or used on Web sites, in social media, or in printed and promotional materials owned and/or produced by Trinity Park Conservancy, and its sponsors, affiliates or partners. Entrants retain ownership and/or the use of their photographs and grant an irrevocable and perpetual non-exclusive license to Trinity Park Conservancy and contest sponsors, affiliates, or partners, to reproduce, distribute, and display works of the entries (along with a name credit when possible) in any media now or hereafter known, for no additional compensation. Display or publication of any entry does not indicate that the entrant will be selected as a winner.

### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place images in each category for Professional, Amateur, and Youth divisions. The grand prize, 1st and 2nd place winners, and Honorable Mentions will be determined at the Judge's discretion. The Trinity Park Conservancy and sponsors have the right to verify winner eligibility.

Winners who receive cumulative awards amounting to greater than \$600, will be required to complete a W-9 form to receive the monetary award.