

Pictures in the Park Photo Contest

Grab your camera and head out to South Cumberland for the first annual Pictures in the Park photo contest! Now's your chance to show off your skills and maybe even win a prize. Get that great shot of your children on the swings at the Visitors Center, the climbers at the Stone Door, the cascading water at Suter Falls, or the hummingbirds on the Meadow Trail. These are just a few of the many possibilities for great photos in our beautiful state park!

The contest, which runs through May 30, 2009, is open to all ages. Suggested topics are: people enjoying the park, landscapes, wildlife, and plants. Photos may be realistic or creative/abstract. Those that show recognizable park features are encouraged.

A traveling exhibition, hosted by area businesses, will showcase the best photos entered. In addition, they will be published in the Friends of South Cumberland State Recreation Area (SCSRA) newsletter and on the Friends website.

Contest Rules

The competition is open to all amateur photographers, excluding the Friends of SCSRA board and community relations committee members, and SCSRA employees. There will be three categories for judging (adults, ages 13-17, and children 12 and under) in each of two groups:

- *Residents of the counties in which South Cumberland State Recreation Area is situated: Franklin, Grundy, Marion, or Sequatchie
- *Individuals residing outside the above four-county area

Photos must not have been previously published and must be taken somewhere in South Cumberland State Recreation Area: the Park Visitors Center, Grundy Forest, Grundy Lakes, Foster Falls, Fiery Gizzard, Stone Door, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Buggytop, or the Sewanee Natural Bridge.

Photos are to be submitted to the Friends of SCSRA website:

<http://www.friendsofscsra.org/contest>

Entrants may submit up to three photos, in digital form. Photos must be 300 dpi, jpeg, between 8"x10" and 8"x12".

A maximum of five (5) entries will be accepted per entrant. Both recent and older photographs will be accepted. The following information must accompany each photograph: title and location of photograph; photographer's name, mailing address, and email address. Additional information about the photograph is optional.

The deadline for entry is 5 PM, May 30, 2009. Judging will be done by the Chattanooga Professional Photographers Association. Winners will be announced at the Friends of SCSRA annual meeting in June, and they will be notified by email. First (\$50), second (\$30), and third (\$10) prizes will be awarded in each of the six categories listed above.

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Your submission is your guarantee that you are the author and owner of the image. By entering the contest, all entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive license to the Friends of South Cumberland State Recreation Area to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit). Name credit will be given in all instances in which the images are used. All entries will become part of a digital archive of images of South Cumberland State Recreation Area. By submitting photos for the competition, the photographer agrees to these terms of use.

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Sponsors: Friends of South Cumberland State Recreation Area, Grundy County Arts Council, and Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.