



## **2023 FALL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES**

Contestants must fill out the submission form to enter a photo.

Contestants may take as many pictures as they like, but you may only enter one picture per category for each division. \*Up to 10 submissions 6<sup>th</sup> grade-adult. You can enter each division and submit an image for each category.

Youth divisions is K-5<sup>th</sup> grades and can submit using traditional camera or phone for each category. \* Up to 5 submissions.

All photos must be turned in through our submission form with a file size no larger than 10 MB.

The contest is limited to Mahr Park Arboretum; refer to the park map.

Your safety is vital; please use caution and refer to all park policies, rules, and regulations.

All pictures must be taken of objects that exist within Mahr Park Arboretum.

Contestants may begin shooting pictures from October 21-28<sup>th</sup> (8 PM)

Participants can only submit photos taken during the contest time; if we deem an image not applicable to the time standard, it will be disqualified.

No photos should be marked with a visible time/date stamp.

Images turned in may not have a name to the entry photo.

All photos must be submitted with good taste and clean. Any distasteful image will be disqualified.

AI is not allowed.

People can only be photographed in the People/Action Category with a signed release from the individual photographed.

Photographers who do not follow these rules will be disqualified from the competition.

### **DIVISION DEFINITION:**

- A. Phone: Photographers use a mobile phone to take images.
- B. Traditional Camera: Photographers use DSLR, compact, and mirrorless camera devices to take images.
- C. Youth: Grade K-5<sup>th</sup>

### **CATEGORIES: Each contestant may enter only one file per category**

- a.) Wildlife: Animals, insects, birds, reptiles, and amphibians.
- b.) Fall Colors: Trees, flowers, shrubs, and woody species within the Arboretum.
- c.) People, pets, or Action: Guests or pets enjoying park services or an action shot of an object. A signed photo release from the person must be submitted.
- d.) Fall Prop: Use of a personal object (non-living prop) in the photo. It must be fall related.
- e.) Mahr Park Arboretum Feature: Hay Bale Trail, capture an image featuring our 2023 Hay Bale Trail or a decorated hay bale of your choice.