**Term:**

The Champaign County Visitors Bureau Photo Contest will begin August 1, 2018, and will end August 22, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. EST. By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest as follows:

**Entrants:**

The Champaign County Visitors Bureau Photo Contest (hereinafter referred to as “the photo contest”) is open to photographers 18 years old or older. The Champaign County Visitors Bureau has ultimate discretion over entrants’ eligibility.

**Submissions:**

To be eligible for any category, a photograph must have been shot by the entrant after January 1, 2016 and **must have been taken in Champaign County, Ohio**.

Photos should not be enhanced or altered; minor alterations in sharpness, contrast and/or brightness/color adjustments are permissible.

If a person is recognizable in a submitted photo, a photo release form must be provided to the Champaign County Visitors Bureau. If the individual is a minor, the form should be completed by the individual’s parent or guardian. Please contact the Champaign County Visitors Bureau for an official release form.

Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.

**How to enter:**

Entrants should submit photographs and requested information online at www.visitchampaignohio.com/photocontest. Entrants are permitted to submit up to 10 photographs per category. Photos should be submitted in .jpeg or .jpg format and be at least 2,000 pixels wide. Please do not submit photos that are larger than 10MB.

The Champaign County Visitors Bureau will not accept photographs submitted through the mail. All submissions must be received through the website; if you have difficulty submitting through the website, please contact the Champaign County Visitors Bureau using the information listed at the end of these rules.

Entrants will retain rights to his/her photograph; however, by entering the contest, you grant the Champaign County Visitors Bureau and all those authorized by the Champaign County Visitors Bureau a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of Champaign County. Any photograph reproduced will include photographer credit as is feasible. The Champaign County Visitors Bureau will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

**Deadline for Entry:**

The photo contest begins on August 1, 2018. All entries must be received by the Champaign County Visitors Bureau by 5:00 p.m. EST on August 22, 2018.

**Categories:**

Photo entries should fall within at least one of the categories listed below. **All photos must have been captured in Champaign County.**

-Events
-Destinations
-Scenery/Landscape
-Architecture/Monuments
-Life in Champaign County
-History/Tradition
-A category of “other” will be provided for all other entries.

**Judging:**

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the prompt and overall impact. Volunteer judges from the Champaign County Visitors Bureau committee will have ultimate discretion to determine the winner(s).

The Champaign County Visitors Bureau will notify winners using the entrant’s contact information provided at the time of entry. Winners will have 10 days to respond to the Champaign County Visitors Bureau; otherwise, they may forfeit their prize.

**Prizes:** A Grand Prize of $100 cash will be awarded. Winners must sign a release and license, as well as a declaration of eligibility.

**Online Features:** The Champaign County Visitors Bureau may use submitted photos for highlight on the organization’s website or display in a publicly accessible contest archive.

**Conditions of Entry**

All entrants hold the Sponsors and their respective regents, directors, officers, employees, emeriti, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers (the “Indemnified Parties”) harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant’s participation in the contest and acceptance or use of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants’ participation in the contest or winner’s acceptance and usage of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. The Champaign County Visitors Bureau reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, the Champaign County Visitors Bureau reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion. The Champaign County Visitors Bureau reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: tamper with the competition; violate these rules or other applicable law or regulation; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in a disruptive manner. Decisions of the Champaign County Visitors Bureau are final and binding.

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