

## **Philadelphia District's Northern Area Photo Contest**

Attention all shutterbugs! The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Philadelphia District invites you to enter your pictures in our photo contest! As you are out enjoying USACE projects, be sure to have your camera handy to capture the great landscapes, dams, and recreational opportunities that are only found throughout the District's northern area. Submit your digital photographs beginning June 11, 2021 at 8 a.m. through 11:59 p.m. November 15, 2021 by following the contest rules below.

Twelve winners will have their photos included in a digital 2022 calendar as well as featured in a display at the Get Outdoors Event in June at Blue Marsh Lake. The winning photos may also be displayed in Visitor Centers located at Blue Marsh Lake, Beltzville Lake, and Prompton Dam.

### **Contest Rules**

By entering or participating in the Contest, Contestants agree to be bound by these official rules.

#### **Who May Enter:**

Any photographer who is at least 18 years of age and is a legal resident of the United States. Exceptions:

1. Photographers who derive 5 percent or more of their income from taking photographs are ineligible.

#### **What to Enter:**

Photos should be taken at the following U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facilities and adjacent state parks:

- Francis E. Walter Dam
- Beltzville Dam (and Beltzville State Park)
- Blue Marsh Lake
- Prompton Dam (and Prompton State Park)
- General Edgar Jadwin Dam

Follow this link for facility locations: <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Locations/>

Contestants can submit three (3) photos per category in the following categories:

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Winter

Photographs containing nudity, obscenity, profanity, pornography, violence, and anything that is lewd or offensive in nature, or otherwise inappropriate images will be excluded from the contest. The U.S. Government reserves the right at its sole discretion to reject and disqualify any images that are considered inappropriate or depicting unsafe activities.

No alteration or manipulation of photographs is permitted except for cropping, red eye removal, and/or adjustment of contrast and brightness.

Winning photos from previous years will not be considered.

### **How to Enter:**

Photos must be submitted by email in a jpeg (.jpg) format, with a maximum file size 3 MB.

The e-mail must contain appropriate contact information for the entrant, and containing at a minimum:

- Full name
- Address
- Phone number
- Category designation of the photo submission
- Identification of the location at which the photograph was taken

A title for the photograph is strongly recommended. Please describe any action depicted in the photo if applicable. Any personal information that is submitted by the contestants will be for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers internal use only and for the sole purpose of this photo contest. Contestant entry information will not be shared with any other parties or appear with entries on the Facebook album where photos will be 'judged.'

Each entrant may submit up to 3 photos per category (Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter). Each photo must be an original photo personally taken by the entrant at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility or structure.

A credit will be provided under winning images selected for the digital calendar. Entrants should include how they want their name to appear in the credit line. Descriptions or titles, if any, used with the photos are at the government's sole discretion.

### **Entry Deadlines:**

Entries for each category must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on November 15, 2021 to be considered for the contest.

### **Judging and Recognition:**

All photographs will be posted into an album on Facebook and will be open for public voting beginning November 21 at noon and ending at 11:59 p.m. November 27. Votes will be counted according to the number of 'likes' each photo receives. Entrants may tag or identify their photos on Facebook at their own discretion. Winning photographs will be announced on the Philadelphia District web page, Facebook page, and in other related media outlets.

The top 3 winners of each category, 12 in total, will be included in a downloadable 2022 calendar available by December 22, 2021 .

Winner's photos will be displayed at the Get Outdoors Day Event held at Blue Marsh Lake and may be featured within the Visitor Center at Blue Marsh Lake, Beltzville Lake, and Prompton Lake.

### **Restrictions:**

The submitted images must be the photographer's original work. The photographer certifies that the images submitted have never been copyrighted or, if copyrighted, that the photographer is the copyright owner. The photographer must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. The submission of the photograph is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of such photograph.

Photographs from the public domain are excluded from the contest. Copyright of the images will remain the property of the photographer. USACE cannot and will not print digital photographs that have previously appeared in commercial newspapers, magazine, or have appeared on commercial websites.

All photographs should be taken at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility or structure within the Northern Area of the Philadelphia District.

It is the sole responsibility of the submitting photographer to obtain a written release from any recognizable person in a submitted photo. If the photograph is of a minor child (under 18), a parent's permission must be obtained. Submittal of the photograph is the entrant's warranty that the photograph does not infringe on any third party's rights, and that written permission has been received by the entrant from any third party whose image appears in the photograph. By submitting a photo in this contest, you give the U.S. Government the right to use or display the photo on U.S. Government web pages and publications, as well as the web pages and publications of associated organizations without payment, compensation or other consideration to the contestant. Entrant also gives the government the right to edit, resize, convert, and recompress the photo for viewing convenience and/or faster loading. The submitted photograph may be used singly or in combination with other photographs.

All photos entered in this contest will become the property of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and will not be returned. The entrant of the photos grants the USACE the right to display the photos online, and to use the photos in print or online marketing.

In the event that the ownership of a photograph submitted is challenged in any manner by any person, the Government may disqualify that photograph and will discontinue its use.

By clicking here and submitting your photos, you agree to abide by the Photo Contest rules as described above: [PDPA-NAP@usace.army.mil](mailto:PDPA-NAP@usace.army.mil)