



AUXILIARY PHOTO CONTEST

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SPONSOR(S):

This award is sponsored by the Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts Auxiliary.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this contest is to recognize individuals whose pictures are worth more than words.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be considered for this contest, the nominee should be an amateur photographer (those who make less than 50% of their income from photography) and are Illinois residents. AISWCD by-laws require that only photographers from Districts in good standing are eligible to complete this award.

GUIDELINES:

- Photographs may be entered in the following categories:
 - CONSERVATION PRACTICES: Includes 26 conservation practices: contour buffer strips, contour farming & stripcropping, cover crop, critical area planting, crop residue management, crop rotation, diversion, field borders, grade stabilization structures, grass waterways, livestock management, manure storage and runoff control, nutrient management, pasture planting, pest management, riparian buffer, rotational grazing, stream bank & shoreline stabilization, terrace, tree planting, upland wildlife habitat, water and sediment control basin, well abandonment, wetland restoration, wildlife food plot, windbreaks, and woodlot management.
 - CLOSE UP CONSERVATION: Includes aquatic insects, clean water, crops and plants and water/rain, dirty water/sediment, hands/tools in soil-water-grains-on farm animals, irrigation, plants and soil/residue, plants/flowers/crops, recycling, prairie plants, compost, farm implements, water drops/drips/splashes, and worms/roots/compost.
 - CONSERVATION IN ACTION: SWCDs in action: conservation planning, youth programs, office staff at work, interaction with landowners, field days, fairs, exhibits, board meetings and more, irrigation/crops and water/wildflowers and water, technical staff at work, wildlife, insects, livestock, aquatic life.
 - AG/CONSERVATION ACROSS AMERICA: Barns, crops, farm practices, fence rows, livestock, implements and tools, ponds, ranching, youth, tree farm, farmers/landowners, grazing, and pastures.
 - YOUTH ONLY: This category is designed for youth up to the age of 18. Photos must fit into one of the categories listed above.



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- Participants in photos must sign a release form. When taking pictures of individuals, make sure subjects understand that their photo may be used in publications, web and/or video.
- Photos must be submitted in electronic format - jpeg or tiff files (300 dpi min) only via email to info@aiswcd.org with subject line "Photo Contest". No printed photos will be accepted.
- Each participant may enter as many as five photographs.
- Completed signed forms for each photo must be received for entry to be eligible for contest to AISWCD, Attn: Auxiliary Photo Contest, 4285 N. Walnut Street Road, Springfield, IL 62707.
- Black-and-white prints, color prints and prints from digital photos are all acceptable and will be judged together. Do not send photo reproductions from a printed publication. Judges will select one winner from each category.
- Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than necessary burning, dodging and cropping.
- Winning entries will be sent to NACD for their national photo contest. Photos become property of NACD. They will also become part of the NACD Conservation Photo gallery and be made available to local conservation districts & NACD to use in their conservation outreach projects.
- Winning photos will be displayed at AISWCD's Annual Meeting held in July in Springfield. Honorable mentions can be selected for each category, but there is no monetary award.
- Notification and registration forms will be sent to winners and local SWCDs after judging occurs in June.

AWARD PACKAGE:

Each category winner will receive the following; Two complimentary meal tickets where the award will be presented, certificate of achievement, and monetary award.

DEADLINE:

All entries must be submitted to AISWCD by May 15th.

Mail: AISWCD | 4285 N. Walnut Street Road | Springfield, IL | 62707



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PHOTOGRAPHER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City | State | Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Contact Person: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

City | State | Zip: _____

Phone & Email: _____

PHOTO INFORMATION:

(Select Category)

Conservation Practices	Adult	Youth
Close Up Conservation	Adult	Youth
Conservation in Action	Adult	Youth
Ag/Conservation across America	Adult	Youth

Youth Only: Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Photo Title: _____

Location Where Photo Taken: _____

Signature of Photographer: _____



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PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Photographer and subjects in photos must have one form for each photo entered. Minors under the age of 18 who appear in photographs must have a parent/legal guardian sign their release; subjects 18 years and older can sign their own release form.

Photographer's Name: _____

Email: _____

I hereby grant the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) permission to use my likeness, name or images I have photographed in any and all publications; including web site entries, without payment of any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) and will not be returned. My photos can also be used for my personal or professional use.

I hereby irrevocably authorize AISWCD to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing AISWCD's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge AISWCD from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other person acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. If under the age of 18 I will have consent signed by parent or guardian.

Photographer Signature & Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (If minor under age 18): _____



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AISWCD MODEL/SUBJECT RELEASE FORM

PHOTOGRAPHER

Please complete this form if any of the subject's faces are recognizable in your submitted photos. Please carry this form with you when taking photos.

Photographer's Name: _____

MODEL/SUBJECT(S):

By signing this release, I have read and understand the AISWCD Photo Release Information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City | State | Zip: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Signature & Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City | State | Zip: _____

Phone & Email: _____

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