

2018 WV Conservation Photo Contest

Questions about the WV Photo Contest should be directed to your local conservation district.

The Northern Panhandle Conservation District and the WV Association of Conservation Districts is sponsoring an amateur photo contest for adults and youth in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio and Marshall Counties. A 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner will be selected in the adult category and in the youth category. Each first place winner will receive \$75, each second place winner will receive \$50 and each third place winner will receive \$25. Photos will be judged at the District level by the Northern Panhandle Conservation District and the winning photos will be sent to the WV Association of Conservation Districts for state judging. State contest winners will be sent to be judged at the National Association of Conservation Districts.

CATEGORIES

Photographs may be entered in the following categories:

- 1) Conservation Practices**
- 2) Close Up Conservation**
- 3) Conservation in Action**
- 4) Ag/Conservation Across America**

GUIDELINES

1. The contest is open to amateur photographers (those who make less than 50 percent of their income from photography) who are residents of the United States or its territories. Each participant may enter up to, but no more than, five photographs. **Photos will not be returned.**
2. 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.
3. Photos submitted to the District contest must be an 8X10. Framed and/or matted photos **will not** be accepted.
4. Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than necessary burning, dodging and cropping.
5. A completed entry form must accompany each photograph submitted.

6. A 3x5 notecard containing the following information must be attached to the back of each photo. Please include:

A. Photographer's name and phone number.

B. Title of photograph. Please use same title as on entry form.

C. Subject. Names and titles are needed for each person in the photo. (Take care to identify each person and spell names correctly.)

D. Location. If the photograph is of a district technician helping a farmer, identify the farm, county and state. If the photo shows a city park, mention the name of the park and the state.

E. Description. Is the child with the magnifying glass examining a crack in the sidewalk or a line of ants carrying food?

F. Date of photo. Exact dates are not necessary, but at least give the year.

7. Photos submitted must be taken in West Virginia.

8. All entries become the property of WVACD, and WVACD reserves the nonexclusive right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes. Entrants should keep negatives or extra prints of their photographs.

9. Judges will select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in the adult and youth category. Winning photos will receive a cash prize and be displayed at the 2018 WV Partnership Conference. The state contest winners' photos will also be sent to be judged in the National Association of Conservation District's photo contest.

10. **All entries must be received by June 8th, 2018.** Placing a piece of cardboard in the envelope and writing "***Photographs: Do Not Bend***" on the envelope will help ensure that photographs arrive in good condition. **Send entries to:**

**Northern Panhandle
Conservation District
1 Ball Park Drive
McMechen, WV 26040**

Contact the Northern Panhandle Conservation District at (304)-238-1231 or npcd@wvca.us for more information or questions.

Judging Standards

Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

**West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts
WVACD Photo Contest Entry Form**

Please print out this form, fill it out and mail it in with your photo and the other materials listed in the "**Guidelines**" section.

Photographer's name: _____

Photographer's phone number: _____

Organization represented (if any): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name of the local conservation district and its phone number, if applicable:

Category of this entry: _____

Title of this entry _____

(must correspond to title on 3x5 card):

Is this an entry for the youth category? yes no

If yes, include photographer's age here _____

**Send application and entry form to: Northern Panhandle Conservation District
ATTENTION: Veronica Gibson
1 Ball Park Drive
McMechen, WV 26040**