



## 2018 CONSERVATION PHOTO CONTEST

### CATEGORIES:

- ◆ Conservation Practices
- ◆ Close Up Conservation
- ◆ Conservation in Action
- ◆ Ag/Conservation Across America

### HOW MANY PHOTOS:

- ◆ ONE PHOTO PER CATEGORY MAY BE SUBMITTED

### AWARDS BY AGE

#### CATEGORIES:

- ◆ Under 18 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)
- ◆ Over 18 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

### ENTRY FORM:

- ◆ Entry Form Must be Attached to Back of Each Photo

### DEADLINE:

- ◆ Submit to Western Conservation District by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**

### GUIDELINES:

- ◆ See Attached Information from
- ◆ Photo Release Form Must be Completed & Signed

# WV Conservation Photo Contest

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

A picture can be worth a thousand words. Good photographs can lend a helping hand to numerous projects: they strengthen publicity for a fund-raiser, make a newsletter more appealing, and reveal the beauty of wetlands to elementary students. To recognize individuals who use this tool effectively and creatively, the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts (WVACD) is sponsoring its annual Conservation Photo Contest. To be entered in the WVACD Photo Contest, all pictures must be mailed to the WVACD office, 742 Airport Road, Sutton, WV 26601. **The deadline for entry in the WVACD Conservation Photo Contest is July 1.**

## CATEGORIES

Photographs may be entered in the following categories:

### 1) Conservation Practices (examples)

Contour Buffer Strips	Pasture Planting
Contour Farming & Stripcropping	Pest Management
Cover Crop	Riparian Buffer
Critical Area Planting	Rotational Grazing
Crop Residue Management	Stream bank & Shoreline Stabilization
Crop Rotation	Terrace
Diversion	Tree Planting
Field Borders	Upland Wildlife Habitat
Grade Stabilization Structures (dam/embankment)	Water & Sediment Control Basin
Grass Waterways	Well Abandonment
Livestock Management	Wetland Restoration
Manure Storage and Runoff Control	Wildlife Food Plot
Nutrient Management	Windbreaks
	Woodlot Management

### 2) Close Up Conservation (examples)

Aquatic insects	Irrigation
Clean water	Plants and soil/residue
Crops and plants and water/rain	Plants/flowers/crops
Dirty water/sediment	Prairie plants
Farm implements	Recycling
Hands/tools in soil, water, grains, on farm animals	Water drops/drips/splashes
	Worms/roots/compost

### 3) Conservation in Action (examples)

Conservation Planning	Office staff at work
District events (community meetings, field days, fairs, exhibits)	Supervisors/Board (meetings, activities, interaction)
Farmers/landowners (conservation-related events, etc.)	Technical staff at work
Interaction with landowners	Wildlife, insects, livestock, aquatic life, etc.
Irrigation/crops and water/wildflowers and water	Youth (school programs, speech, poster contests, Envirothon, on farm, conservation-related events, etc.)

### 4) Ag/Conservation Across America (examples)

Barns	Livestock
Crops	Pasture
Farm Practices	Ponds
Farmers/landowners	Ranching
Fence rows	Tree Farm
Grazing	Youth
Implements and tools	

## 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 WVACD contest must be an 8X10. Judges prefer that the photos not be matted.
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 non-exclusive 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner in the adult (18 years or older on July 1) and youth category. Winning photos will receive a cash prize and be displayed at the West Virginia Conservation Awards and Recognition Program. 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 in the WVACD Photo Contest must be received by July 1.** Check with your local conservation district for the deadline for their contest. 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.

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## **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 to your local Conservation District Office.**

Capitol (CCD)

Kanawha  
418 Goff Mtn Rd Ste 102  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Eastern Panhandle (EPCD)

Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan  
151 Aikens Center, Suite 1  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

Elk (ECD)

Braxton, Clay, Nicholas,  
Webster  
740 Airport Rd.  
Sutton, WV 26624

Greenbrier Valley (GVCD)

Greenbrier, Monroe,  
Pocahontas  
179 Northridge Drive  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Guyan (GCD)

Boone, Cabell, Lincoln,  
Logan, Mingo, Wayne  
2631 5th Street Road  
Huntington, WV 25701

Little Kanawha (LKCD)

Calhoun, Ritchie, Roane,  
Wirt, Wood  
91 Boyles Lane  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Monongahela (MCD)

Marion, Monongalia, Preston  
201 Scott Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26508

Northern Panhandle (NPCD)

Brooke, Hancock, Marshall,  
Ohio  
1 Ballpark Drive  
Mc Mechen, WV 26040

Potomac Valley (PVCD)

Grant, Hampshire, Hardy,  
Mineral, Pendleton  
500 East Main Street  
Romney, WV 26757

Southern (SCD)

Fayette, McDowell, Mercer,  
Raleigh, Summers, Wyoming  
463 Ragland Road  
Beckley, WV 25801

Tygarts Valley (TVCD)

Barbour, Randolph, Taylor,  
Tucker, Upshur  
16346 Barbour County HWY  
Philippi, WV 26416

Upper Ohio (UOCD)

Pleasants, Tyler, Wetzel  
201 Underwood Street  
Middlebourne, WV 26149

West Fork (WFCD)

Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison,  
Lewis  
Route 2, Box 204-E  
Mt. Clare, WV 26408

Western (WCD)

Jackson, Mason, Putnam  
224-C First Street  
Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550

**Photo Release Form: (required for each photo submitted)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Photographer's name State

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Phone number Email

*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.*

I hereby grant the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) permission to use my likeness, name or images I have photographed in any and all publications: including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these photos can be used National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) as stated above. My photos can also be used for my personal or professional use. I hereby irrevocably authorize NACD to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing NACD'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 NACD from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of photographer Date

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Signature of photographer's parent or legal guardian Date

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Printed name of parent or legal guardian

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