

# Newport News Tourism Development Office Photo Contest Rules and Guidelines

## Eligibility

- Contest is free to enter.
- Entrant must be 18 years of age and a U.S. resident.
- Contest runs from April 30, 2009 through September 30, 2009. The theme of the contest is “People Having Fun in Newport News.” Bonus points will be given during judging if the photograph has been taken with people at a Newport News attraction, park, restaurant, shopping venue or special event.
- Entrant may submit up to five photos in one of two categories: Professional or Non-professional. For the purposes of this competition, professional is deemed to mean anyone who receives income from their photography and/or services.
- Newport News Tourism Development Office (NNTDO) staff and contest judges are not eligible to enter.
- Photos submitted to the 2008 Zoom In On Newport News Photo Contest are not eligible for this year’s contest.

## Format and Submission

- Requirements: Photo must have been taken in Newport News. Entrants are encouraged to submit photographs of people having fun in Newport News. Bonus points will be given during judging if the photograph has been taken with people at a Newport News attraction, park, restaurant, shopping venue or special event.
- Entries may be digital or film, but must be submitted digitally as TIFF or JPEG files.
- Images must be at least 5” x 7” at 300dpi in their original format.
- Minor digital enhancement is acceptable.
- Black-and-white images are not acceptable, nor are borders, frames, special filters, text, copyright, watermarks, or signatures.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form, either electronic or paper, and model contact information where applicable. Images may be submitted on a CD/DVD by mail to: Newport News Tourism Development Office, 700 Town Center Drive, Suite 320, Newport News, VA 23606, or can be uploaded via [www.newport-news.org/photocontest.html](http://www.newport-news.org/photocontest.html). Entries will not be returned.
- The NNTDO is not responsible for lost or damaged CD/DVDs.
- The NNTDO reserves the right to remove any pictures from the contest that are deemed unsuitable.

## Copyright

- Do not submit images you did not shoot or images downloaded from Web sites.
- By signing the official entry form and/or submitting an image electronically, you are stating that you are the owner and copyright holder of the image submitted.
- Although photographers retain the copyright to their images, by entering them into this contest, they permit unrestricted usage by the NNTDO to promote the city, without receiving any fee or compensation. This applies to winning and non-winning entries.

## Photo Restrictions/Model Contact Information

- When shooting images at city attractions, please ensure the facility allows photography. Some venues do not permit indoor photography.
- Images with identifiable people are encouraged. Model contact information must be submitted for

each identifiable person. If the photograph is selected to be used in future promotions, models will be contacted directly to complete a Model Release form.

#### Judging/Prizes

- Only entries which have met the Format and Submission criteria outlined above will be eligible for judging.
- Winning images will be based on overall composition, technical skill and appropriateness to the category entered. Bonus points will be given if the photograph has been taken with people at a Newport News attraction, park, restaurant, shopping venue or special event.
- A grand prize winner and an honorable mention in each category (professional and non-professional) will be chosen at the end of the contest. The NNTDO reserves the right to not award all four prizes.
- All entries, once uploaded or submitted via CD/DVD, become the property of the NNTDO.
- Winning entrant's name may appear in news articles and on the NNTDO Web site.
- A panel of five judges will select the winners.

#### Other

- By signing the entry form and/or submitting an image electronically, participants accept and agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of contest judges, whose decisions are final. By submitting an image, participants agree to release sponsors, contest promoter and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, parent companies, affiliates and subsidiaries from liability of any kind or nature for any loss, claims, damages, or injuries of any kind associated with acceptance, possession, participation in, or use of any prizes.
- Because of the number of anticipated entries, we are unable to respond to questions concerning receipt of an entry.

For more information, visit [www-newport-news.org](http://www-newport-news.org), or call 757-886-7777 or 888-493-7386.