SEPARC Annual Amphibian and Reptile Photo Contest Rules

The SEPARC Annual Photo Contest will occur during each annual meeting with final judging and announcement of winners at the award ceremony on Saturday, the last full day of the meeting.

Categories:

There will be two categories, 1) Amphibians and 2) Reptiles. Photos can be of animal subjects in their natural habitat, portraits of species in captive environments, and species and people engaged in conservation, outreach, and/or research-related activities. Additionally, please ensure that the image was obtained ethically (i.e. permits required to interact with the animal were available and the animal was not placed under undue stress for the photo).

Rules:

1. Photo content should include amphibian and/or reptile species from the SEPARC region states or territories (Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Caribbean).
2. Contestants are allowed to submit one photo for each category.
    a. A photo that has been matted must be brought to the annual meeting (see *Matted Photo Format Requirements* for detailed instructions).
    b. The contestant must be the actual photographer.
3. Contestants must be a registered participant at the annual SEPARC meeting.

Matted Photo Format Requirements:

1. Photo entries should be printed 8” X 10” in size. Small, or overly large, prints will not be permitted.
2. Photo entries must be matted (your choice of color for the mat), but no glass frames please.
3. Each photo entry must be labeled with the following information placed on the back of the mat:
    a. Contest category (amphibian or reptile)
    b. Common and scientific name of the subject;
    c. Location photo was taken (County/Town/City, State);
    d. Photographer’s first and last name, email, and mailing address.

NOTE: Refrain from having any written information on the front of the mat. Also, photos will likely be displayed using tape or push pins to affix photo entry to walls, etc. (depending on venue recommendations) which could inadvertently damage the mat.

Judging:

Judging is done by SEPARC meeting attendees. All attendees can cast one vote for each category.

Awards:

For each category, a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will be announced, ($50, $25, and $15, respectively). Winners will receive awards in the form of a check following the annual meeting and/or other prizes. Checks can take up to 6 weeks to process, issue, and mail.

Disclaimers:

By submitting a photo, the photographer retains the rights to their work, however by entering the SEPARC Photo Contest you grant SEPARC a royalty-free, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce, and create products in any media for SEPARC purposes, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotional works such as our website, brochures, social media outlets, and future exhibits/presentations.

It is the contestants responsibility to retrieve their photo entry(ies) after the award presentation. Photo entries will be located near the meeting registration area for pick up. Photo entries that are not picked up at the end of the meeting will be added to the following year's silent auction unless specifically requested otherwise. SEPARC will not be responsible for mailing photo entries that are not picked up.

Finally, per the by-laws, members of the SEPARC steering committee are unable to participate in the contest.