

Member's Night 2026 Photography Submission

Rules, Terms & Conditions

The Field Museum of Natural History, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, located at 1400 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605 (the "Museum"), is allowing submissions to share or feature your content to celebrate 2026 Member's Night. By submitting images and corresponding written stories to be presented during 2026 Member's Night taking place May 14th and 15th from 5-9pm ("Member's Night Presentation"), you agree to the following Rules, Terms, and Conditions ("T&Cs"):

Submission Requirements

To be eligible to be featured on Museum Platforms, each submission must follow these guidelines:

- Images must fit the relevant submission category or description provided by the Museum.
- All images must be submitted digitally with a submission form including the information as requested, including caption information.
- All images must be at least 300dpi at 8"X10" dimensions or at least 2,000 pixels wide.
- All images must be in .jpg/.jpeg, .png, or .tif formats
- Submitters must be over 13 years of age, or if submitting information on behalf of anyone under the age of 13, are the parent or guardian of that individual.

Rules and Ethics.

- Submitters must certify that they are the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted image. Submissions will be accepted only from the image's copyright owner (i.e., a photo you took yourself or a photo you specifically directed another person to take on your behalf using your phone or camera).
- Images created or enhanced using generative AI tools, in whole or in part, are not allowed.
- Safety and welfare of self and others comes first. Submitters are prohibited from engaging in dangerous, illegal, or otherwise harmful behaviors for the sake of capturing a photograph for the contest. The Museum is not responsible for any injury, bodily harm, or other liabilities incurred due to such behaviors.
- All photos must depict nature truthfully and ethically. Tampering with natural habitats is prohibited.
- Submitters are responsible for complying with local, state, and federal laws regarding protected and public areas and must receive permission from landowners to enter an area or conduct photography, where applicable.
- Original photos may not be altered except for minor adjustments—including the removal of sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives, cropping, and resizing. Modifications and alterations are not permitted.
- Photos may not contain watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices.
- If your photograph contains recognizable persons, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary permissions. We may ask you to obtain their permission in writing and provide proof of such permission to the Museum upon request. Likewise, if the copyrighted work of other individuals (such

as sculptures, statues, paintings, and other copyrightable works) are included in a photograph, you must obtain any required permissions and be prepared to provide these on request.

- The Museum will not accept entries that are or contain obscene, defamatory, partisan-political, or advertising content or are otherwise harassing, threatening, abusive, discriminatory to or infringing on the rights of others, or that are otherwise not consistent with the Museum's mission and reputation.
- The Museum will not accept photographs submitted through the mail. High-quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
- The decision of whether or not to feature any given submission is at the complete discretion of the Museum. Museum is in no way obligated to feature or post any submissions, nor will the Museum respond to inquiries regarding whether or not such submission will be posted or featured.

Rights.

You retain all rights to your submission. The Museum will credit you when using your submission.

By submitting your content you grant the Museum a non-exclusive, world-wide, royalty-free, irrevocable license to:

- Reproduce, display, publish, distribute, sublicense, edit, alter, exhibit, make derivatives of, and otherwise use your submission in any media or format, including but not limited to at the Museum and in correspondence relating to the 2026 Member's Night, in support of our mission (this includes advertising and fundraising for the Museum).
- Use your name, likeness, city of residence, and any other biographical information you provide to us in connection with your submission. You hereby waive your right of publicity under the Illinois Right of Publicity Act or any similar statute or common law.

Legalities.

This section contains waivers and agreements impacting your legal rights; please read it carefully.

By submitting your content to the Museum, you agree to accept and abide by the T&Cs contained herein and that you can grant the license and permissions described herein. Any dispute with regard to your submission or rule interpretation shall be submitted to the Museum, whose decision shall be final and binding.

By participating, you agree to release and hold harmless the Museum, its affiliates, and their respective employees, trustees, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, representatives, licensees, successors, and assigns from any and all damages, claims, and liabilities, including but not limited to copyright infringement, , invasion of privacy, or violation of right of publicity, arising in connection with your submission, and technical errors. You waive all right to claim any attorneys' fees and any damages whatsoever, including without limitation, special, consequential, punitive, direct, or indirect damages.

The Museum is not responsible for incomplete or misdirected submissions, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or other circumstances beyond its reasonable control. You are solely responsible for your submission. In the event that the identity of a submitter is disputed or in question, the resident or authorized account holder of address or the account from which the submission was posted shall be deemed the submitter.

The Museum is not responsible for, and disclaims all liability as it relates to any third-party platforms that may be

involved in submission or administration of images submitted to Museum, including but not limited to Google platforms, Instagram, Facebook, or any other social media platforms. Any use or engagement by you with any such third-party platforms, including any third-party responsibilities regarding data privacy or security, are exclusively between you and the relevant third-party.

The Museum reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to seek damages from any person who violates these T&Cs or other applicable law, infringes the rights or content of others, or acts in a disruptive manner. Failure to enforce any of the provisions of these T&Cs does not constitute a waiver of that provision.

These T&Cs will be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to conflicts of laws principles.

Privacy.

Any personally identifiable information that you submit will be treated in accordance with the Museum's Privacy Statement (<https://www.fieldmuseum.org/page/privacy-statement>).