

# It Starts in Parks



## Student Photography Contest March 1 - May 15, 2012

Marion County students, Grades 6 – 12 are invited to submit photographs for entry into the **It Starts in Parks, Student Photography Contest**. This contest is designed to expose youth to both nature and photography while discovering the important role that parks play in our community. All images must be captured in a city, county, state, or nationally managed park located within Marion County, FL. Images may include nature, landscapes, people, and even objects that you might bring or a staged scene: a fashion shoot, dad's cool car, flag football game, etc.

Division I - Grades 6 - 8    Division II - Grades 9 - 12

Prizes award to both divisions.

Photographs placing First through Third will be professionally framed and exhibited at the Discovery Center for 6 months, then returned to the photographer.

**First Place:** An on location photography shoot with emmy award winning photographer Mark Emery where you will have the opportunity to learn from the master! Plus a \$100.00 bhphotovideo.com gift certificate.

**Second Place:** \$75.00 bhphotovideo.com gift certificate and a student photography workshop at the Daytona Museum of Photography.

**Third Place:** \$50.00 bhphotovideo.com gift certificate and a student photography workshop at the Daytona Museum of Photography.

**Honorable Mention:** \$25.00 bhphotovideo.com gift certificate and a student photography workshop at the Daytona Museum of Photography.

Judging will consist of a panel comprised of the North Central Florida Photography Club Members. Photographs will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit.

**June 1, 2012**

**Judges Critique and Awards Ceremony**

**Discovery Center**

**6pm - 7pm**

All contest participants and their family members are invited to attend.  
Light refreshments will be served.



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## *Student Photography Contest*

### **Free Workshop for Contest Participants**

**March 3, 2011**

**9:30am - 11:30am**

**The Discovery Center at Tuscawilla Park**

Broaden your photography skill set with the North Central Florida Photography Club at the Discovery Center as you learn:

1. Why you should move your dial off the AUTO mode
2. The ABC's of ISO
3. Aperture = Creative Control
4. Does Shutter Speed Matter?

The first 45 minutes of this workshop will be in the classroom and then students will head outdoors to practice what they've learned. Please bring your SLR or point & shoot cameras, batteries, memory cards and/or film.

This workshop is limited to students in grades 6 - 12 only. All workshop participants should intend to participate in the It Starts In Parks Student Photography Contest. **PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

\* This workshop is NOT mandatory for contest participants. \*

**Register Now at [www.mydiscoverycenter.org](http://www.mydiscoverycenter.org)**



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## PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

- Participation is FREE and open to amateur photographers who are students in Marion County Schools, grades 6 -12 as of the contest period.
- Participants will be grouped into the following divisions:  
Division I - Grades 6 - 8                      Division II - Grades 9 -12
- All images must be captured in a city, county, state, or nationally managed park located within Marion County, FL.
- Digitally enhanced images are acceptable.
- While it is expected that adults may accompany youth in their photography pursuits, it is critical that youth photographers and their adult supervisors behave ethically, and that all photographs be taken by the youth participant.
- The parent or guardian for each participant must sign a *Contest Entry and Release Form* granting permission for the child to enter and acknowledge acceptance of all contest rules.
- All questions and comments may be directed to the Discovery Center at (352) 401-3900 or by email to [discovery@ocalafl.org](mailto:discovery@ocalafl.org).

## CONTEST AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- The contest period begins on March 1, 2012 and ends on May 15, 2012. All images must be captured within this time period.
- Entries to the contest must be submitted as a printed, hard-copy photograph with a minimum image size of 8" x 10" mounted onto backing material with outside dimensions of 11" x 14".
- Limit: Participants may submit up to three (3) photos.
- Each photograph must be accompanied by: *Contest Entry and Release Form* and *Photo Identification Label*.
- Submission Deadline: All submissions (including photo portfolios and entry forms) must be submitted in person or by mail (submission must ARRIVE at the Discovery Center) between May 7, 2012 through May 15, 2012 to:  
The Discovery Center  
701 NE Sanchez Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34470  
(352) 401-3900 or [discovery@ocalafl.org](mailto:discovery@ocalafl.org)  
Hours of Operation: M-F, 9am - 5pm
- Judging will consist of a panel comprised of the North Central Florida Photography Club Members. Photographs will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit.
- A Judges Critique and Awards Ceremony will be held on June 1, 2012 at the Discovery Center from 6pm - 7pm. All contest participants and their family members are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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## OWNERSHIP AND USE OF IMAGES:

- Participants retain ownership and all other rights for the use of their photographs. In addition, your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement that all of your entered photographs may be used for promotion by the City of Ocala and North Central Florida Photography Club for their purposes, including, but not limited to, promotion of future contests, public relations, advertising, education and outreach, and production of brochures, websites, and calendars.

## DISQUALIFICATION:

- Violation of any of these rules or federal, state, or local laws by any photographer will result in automatic disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.

## RETURN/PICK UP OF ARTWORK:

- With the exception of the winning images placing 1st through 3rd, all artwork is to be picked up at the end of the Judges Critique and Awards Ceremony on June 1, 2012 (approximately 7PM) or on Monday, June 4, 2012 between the hours of 9am - 5pm. Winning images placing 1st through 3rd will be available for pickup from December 16 thru 21, 2012 between the hours of 9am - 5pm.

**GOOD LUCK!**



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### Contest Entry and Release Form

Photographer's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (as of 3-1-12): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Division:  Division I (6-8)  Division II (9-12)

#### Liability Release

*My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the contest guidelines and that:*

- 1. Neither the Discovery Center, North Central Florida Photography Club, or City of Ocala is responsible for the loss of my artwork due to theft, fire, vandalism, or other extreme conditions.*
- 2. I agree to pick up my artwork at the designated place and time. My failure to do so will release all parties from any responsibility to maintain its safekeeping.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent/legal guardian complete the lower portion of this form.**

As the parent/legal guardian of the above signed contestant, I have read and understand the official contest guidelines. I, the undersigned give the above signed contestant permission to enter the It Starts In Parks Student Photography Contest.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**IDENTIFICATION LABELS:** Please attach a completed identification label to the back of your mounted photograph.

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Photographer's Name
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