

2008 Hickory Nut Gorge Photo Contest

We live, work, and play in one of the most scenic areas of North Carolina. The 2008 Hickory Nut Gorge Photo Contest is all about showing off our unique qualities and the wonderful people who enjoy them. The goal and the prize are to display the winning photos on the Chamber web site where the rest of the world can experience them. Just maybe they'll want to come see our beautiful gorge for themselves!

Professional and amateur photographers alike are invited to submit their best photos of Hickory Nut Gorge, North Carolina. This is the ultimate opportunity for camera enthusiasts of all ages to exercise your creative spirit! Winners will be judged on overall picture quality, visual impact, and artistic subject.

There is no entry fee. The number of individual submissions is limited to four per category. All entries must be photographed by you and submitted electronically, via e-mail, or on CD. The deadline is no later than midnight July 30th, 2008. A list of contest winners will be posted on the Hickorynut.org web site August 31st, 2008.

Ten (10) winners from each category will be selected. Winning placements are: First Place, Second Place and eight (8) honorable mentions. First Place Winners in each category will have their picture featured on the Hickorynut.org home page for no less than one (1) year. All other winners, featuring the best photos, will be posted on our hickorynut.org homepage for the first month and moved to select exhibition areas the following month, for no less than one year.

The Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce is granted non-exclusive rights to display the photos on the Internet through our on-line gallery and in our archives. Ownership of the images remains with the photographer.

Categories are:

Flora and Fauna – (plants, gardens, animals, birds and insects)

Architecture (homes, gardens, businesses and street scenes)

Landscapes - Woodlands, Lake, River, and Stream (mountains, valleys, etc.)

Area Events (weddings, fourth of July fireworks, boat parade, car shows, etc.)

Sports (fishing, golfing, horseback riding, swimming, boating, hiking, climbing, etc.)

Fun and Food – (your favorite restaurant entrée, staff and friends eating and playing)

Youth (for **children** 14 years or younger)

***PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RELEASES FOR IDENTIFIABLE PEOPLE
BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY.***

Official 2008 Hickory Nut Gorge Photo Contest Rules

Please read the following rules carefully. You may want to print a copy to keep for your files.

Photographers **must**:

Receive release permission from photos with discernable people – If your photo is a winner, to be displayed on our web site, you must supply a written release to the HNG Chamber of Commerce no later than July 29th, 2008.

Submit his/her own original work (no pictures of pictures or art work please)

Submissions **must**:

Be your own picture, taken by you

Be original, no pictures of pictures or artist's work please

Be of the **Hickory Nut Gorge area**

Be in color (sorry no black and white, sepia, or other monotone)

Be in jpg/JPEG format only

Be between 640x480 to 800x600 pixels in size only

Submissions must **NOT**:

Be larger than 200 KB

Have watermarks (copyrights, names, or other text overlays)

Have digital camera time/date stamps

Have decorative borders

Need trimming, cropping or editing for image quality.

Contain any obscene or controversial material (no nudes)

Feature the intellectual property of others (e.g., a sign containing a registered trademark).

Mail or Hand Submitted Entries:

To submit entries by regular mail download and print the PDF file of the Official 2008 Photo Contest Entry Form provided. Complete one entry form per photo. Images should be placed on CD in the format stipulated above. Multiple images may be placed on the CD, however, there must be **one entry form completely filled out for each entry**. The CD and forms should be mailed or dropped by the Hickory Nut Gorge Visitor Center located next to Town Hall in Lake Lure. If you want your CD images returned, you must include a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry. The mailing address is:

Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber of Commerce
ATTN: 2008 Photo Contest
PO Box 32
Chimney Rock, NC 28720

E-mail Entries:

Attach **one completely filled out entry form for each picture**, along with your image, and send it to HNGPhoto08@aol.com. Entries must be postmarked before midnight July 30th, 2008.

Official 2008 Hickory Nut Gorge Photo Contest Entry Submission Form

Please read the **Official 2008 Hickory Nut Gorge Photo Contest Rules** carefully before completing this form. You may want to print a copy to keep for your files.

For **each photo submitted**, the following information **MUST** be supplied, along with your photo in jpg/jpeg file format and postmarked no later than midnight July 30th, 2008.

A list of contest winners will be posted on the Hickorynut.org web site August 31st, 2008. Good Luck and have fun!

Directions: If you don't have Acrobat editing rights you will need to cut and paste this entry form, per your file-edit program protocol.

Name of Applicant:

Age:

Phone number:

Are you a Professional photographer?

Name of the picture: (fauns on the lawn.jpg, for example)

Category of Entry:

Location:

Date:

Time of day:

Camera type:

What made you take this picture?

Did you use any special equipment or technique (filter type or tripod, specific shutter speed) for example?

Have you submitted this photo to any other area photo contest?

If Yes, which one?

I agree to the terms of this contest and certify that this information to be true and accurate: **please enter your name (Name of Applicant) here**

If submitting by CD and want your images returned, please make sure you have included a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry.