

Terms and Conditions

2013-2014 What's Your Winter Photo Contest

Contest Eligibility

Any amateur photographer, except employees and families of The State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) may submit photos for judging and potential prizes. DPS reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, contest and winner eligibility. Identified DPS members and families may submit photos for display, but are not qualified for judging or contest prizes.

By the act of entering photos in this contest, you represent and warrant that (1) you own or otherwise have all necessary rights to the photo(s) you enter and the rights to enter them and that (2) publication of the photos will not cause injury to any person or entity. Using a name other than your own (or that of your parent or legal guardian) in association with contest entry is prohibited.

Usage Rights

For all photos entered in the DPS "What's Your Winter?" Photo Contest, you grant the Minnesota Department of Public Safety a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive right and fully sub-licensable license to archive, store, and create derivative works from such photos in any form, format or medium of any kind, now known or later developed. Without limiting the generality of the previous sentence, you allow DPS to share photos submitted by you across all websites and printed material in any way associated with or produced by DPS, to include them in searchable material or use them in promotional material or advertisements. All these rights are granted without need for compensation of any sort to you.

Do not provide photographs that:

- Are copyrighted or otherwise proprietary in nature
- Contain vulgar, offensive, profane, abusive, racist or distasteful images, or could be perceived as defamatory, threatening, misleading or discriminatory on the grounds of race, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.
- Deliberately or intentionally advertise or promote any goods or services.

Violation of these rules will cause photos to be rejected and possibly referred to law enforcement authorities.

Entrants must not infringe on the rights of other photographers or submit images that involve willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

DPS is committed to protecting the privacy of users in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13, the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act; this privacy statement explains how. We reserve the right to alter our privacy policy as business needs require.

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The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act governs your right to see and know about the data that government entities collect, keep or can release about you:

- All data DPS collects are public and can be seen by anyone unless classified as private or not public by state or federal law.
- You have the right to know what data is collected about you and to view all public or private data about yourself at no cost or be charged a reasonable fee for copies.
- You have the right to have the meaning of data explained to you in a way you understand.

DPS will acknowledge and respond to every request it receives for access to collected data in an appropriate and prompt manner. Learn more at [Data Practices & Your Right to Information](#).

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