

## The Winter Hazard Awareness Week Photo Contest

The 2011-2012 "What's Your Winter?" Photo Contest is now closed. Thank you to all who submitted photographs. Judging is now in progress and winners of the photo contest will be informed via email.

There are two age divisions and four categories, and entry is free. Contestants may enter a maximum of six photographs in total.

### Age divisions are:

- **Adult:** 17 and older
- **Youth:** 16 and younger

### Photo categories are:

- Mother Nature
- Winter Holidays
- Kids in Winter
- Outdoor Winter Sports

### Only Digital Files are Acceptable

They must be jpg or gif files less than 10 Mb in size. (Files 10 Mb or larger will be rejected by the DPS email system.) For the judges to see your photos correctly, they must be at least 5 x 7-inch dimension at 72 pixels per inch, or approximately 250 kb in a jpg format. [Note to contestants who scan a photo from a print:](#) When you scan a photo, be sure to scan only the photo, not the white space inside the scanner. If you scan the white space, the file is huge and the image is too small to see. Scan only the photo or crop off the white area and resize the photo to fit contest dimensions.

### Include Notes About Your Photos

Please include a short note with your photo(s) that provides the age division and photo category, the date of the photo, the location, the subjects' names, and the situation.

### Identify Yourself

Include the photographer's name, age, address, email and telephone number.

### Contest Eligibility

Any amateur photographer, except employees and families of the Winter Hazard Awareness Coalition (The State of Minnesota, American Red Cross, Insurance Federation of Minnesota, Minnesota Safety Council, Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, or the National Weather Service). DPS reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, winner eligibility. Winter Hazard Awareness Coalition members and families may submit photos for display, but are not qualified for judging or contest prizes.

### Divisions

Photographers must enter their images in one of the following divisions:

- **Adult** — Amateur photographers at least 17 years of age, and experienced photographers who do not receive the majority of their income from photography.
- **Youth** — Photographers ages 16 and younger.

### Categories

The same photo may not be entered in more than one category. Judges reserve the right to switch images to other categories.

## Categories include:

- **Mother Nature** — Wildlife, landscapes, water, trees and plants in a winter setting
- **Winter Holidays** — Indoor or outdoor activities or decorations related to any specific winter holiday
- **Kids in Winter** — Children 16 and under, outdoors in a winter setting
- **Outdoor Winter Sports** — Amateur athletics or sporting activity in an outdoor winter setting

### What Photos to Enter

We are looking for images that illustrate every aspect of winter in Minnesota. Photos may be color or black-and-white. Previously published photos may be entered, but please include information on when and where the photos appeared. 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.

### Judging

A panel of judges consisting of the Winter Hazard Awareness Week coalition members will select the winning entry. By entering you agree to be bound by these official terms and conditions, and that the decision of the judges is final and binding in all respects. Judging will be completed by March 30, 2012. Winner(s) will be notified by email.

### How to Enter

After carefully reading the rules below, entrants may email photographs as attached jpg files to [dps.winterphotos@state.mn.us](mailto:dps.winterphotos@state.mn.us).

- Total attachment size must be less than 10 Mb in each separate email.
- Photographers may enter all images in a single category or select different categories, as long as the total submission does not exceed 6 photographs.
- You will not receive an acknowledgement of receipt.
- Submissions must be made on or after November 7, 2011 and by March 11, 2012.
- All submitted entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned; the Sponsor is not responsible for late, lost, inaccurate, incomplete, damaged, illegible or misdirected entries.
- Entries containing any material deemed by the sponsor to be inappropriate will be disqualified.
- All qualified entries will be published on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Winter Hazard Awareness Week website for a period of one year or more.

### Terms and Conditions

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.

**For all the photos you enter in the Winter Hazard Awareness Week 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, 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 may be referred to law enforcement authorities.

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