



18th Annual MARSHALL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD PHOTO CONTEST

**Calling all amateur photographers to capture
the beauty of Marshall County's natural
resources!**

Entries due January 31, 2019

See details below:

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

The Marshall County Conservation Board will be sponsoring its 18th annual natural resource/conservation photo contest. There are five categories for adults: *Scenic (Natural Resources)*, *Native Plants*, *Native Wildlife*, *Outdoor Recreation (NEW)*, and *Open Nature*. There is a special open class for youth age 17 & younger. Contest rules are as follows:

1. All photos must be taken by amateur photographers
2. Entries must be received in our office at GrimesFarm & Conservation Center, 2349 233rd St., Marshalltown (641/752-5490) by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, **January 31, 2019**.
Only black and white or color prints with minimum size 8" x 10" and maximum size 11" x 17" will be accepted. A digital copy of each entry must also be submitted on CD or flash drive. More than one digital photo entry can be put on a CD or flash drive.
3. All photos must be mounted on foam board and unframed with no matting; there should be no hooks or wires attached
4. Label the back of each photo with your name, address, phone number, where the picture was taken and the category you are entering it in.
5. There is an entry limit of two photos per person per category with the exception of the Youth category. Youths are allowed to submit 5 entries.
6. Photos entered this year will not be eligible in subsequent year's contests.
7. An entry fee of \$3.00 per photo is required.
8. Winning photos become property of the MCCB to be displayed by the MCCB.

9. MCCB employees and their families are not eligible to enter the contest.
10. (a) Each adult photo entered must 1) depict an aspect of Marshall County's natural resources/conservation except for the open category (for the open category it still has to be nature related but does not have to be taken in Marshall County) and 2) fit into one of the theme categories.
(b) Each youth photo entered must 1) depict an aspect of Marshall County's natural resources/conservation and 2) fit into any of the adult theme categories.
11. A \$20 gift certificate will be awarded to the winning photo for each category.
12. Photos that are graphic, inappropriate or not fitting into a category will be disqualified at the discretion of the MCCB staff.

Definition of categories:

Scenic: providing or relating to views of impressive or beautiful natural scenery. Must be taken in Marshall County.

Native plants: a photo of a plant that is native to Iowa. Must be taken in Marshall County. Please avoid invasive species such as Queen's Anne lace, parsnip, etc.

Helpful resources:

https://www.iowadot.gov/pdf_files/plant_profiler.pdf

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Forest-Health/Invasive-Plants>

Native wildlife: a photo of an animal that is native to Iowa. Must be taken in Marshall County. Please avoid domestic livestock, pets, house sparrows, mute swans, and other invasive species.

Helpful resources:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-News-Releases/ArticleID/63/Helpful-Identification-Guides-for-Iowa-Plants-Wildlife>

<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/ia.shtml>

Outdoor Recreation: must depict outdoor recreation such as biking, fishing, running, kayaking, etc. Must be taken in Marshall County.

Open Nature: must be nature related but does not have to be taken in Marshall County.