

## Photo Contest 2010

### About the contest:

The Branson Parks and Recreation Department is inviting all photographers 18 years and older, both amateur and professional, to help us showcase our community by sharing your best original photos taken at any Branson Parks and Recreation facility, park, event, sport or program. We're especially looking for high resolution photos that best represent the Parks and Recreation Department. All photos submitted have the possibility of being used in Parks and Recreation publications and promotions *with photographer acknowledgment*.

So, submit your favorite Parks and Recreation photo between May 1 and August 15, 2010 and show us what Branson Parks and Recreation Department means to you!

### Prizes:

Eleven prizes will be awarded. Winners are scheduled to be announced on September 15, 2010 on the Parks and Recreation website and contacted by phone that week. All winning photographs will be displayed on the parks and Recreation website and all winning photographers will receive an award certificate in addition to the following prizes:

- A. Grand Prize (chosen from any of the 5 contest categories)
  - \* A one year family pass to the Branson AquaPlex
  - \* The Grand Prize winning photo will be framed and displayed at the RecPlex for one year. The Grand Prize photo will also be featured in the annual Parks and Recreation Magazine.
- B. First and second prizes will be awarded in all five contest categories.
  - \* First Prize - \$25 Gift Certificate to a photography/picture framing company and framed 5X7 of the 1<sup>st</sup> place photo
  - \* Second Prize- \$25 Parks and Recreation Gift Certificate

### Categories:

(Please note that the facilities and programs provided by Parks and Recreation can be found in our magazine guide and on the Parks and Recreation website @ [www.bransonparksandrecreation.com](http://www.bransonparksandrecreation.com))

- A. Parks and Recreation Facilities- we're looking for stunning photos that showcase Branson's parks and recreation facilities (except trails – see Category B). Photos may include people using and enjoying the facilities. Examples may include:
  1. Parks – A list of our 16 parks can be found on our website under Parks.
  2. Outdoor recreation facilities such as a park playground or picnic shelter.

3. Golf Course – Don Gardner Par 3 golf course is located of Compton Drive next to the Branson Community Center.
  4. Camp Ground – Branson Lakeside RV Park is located on Lake Taneycomo next to the Branson Landing.
  5. Outdoor Sports Facilities – Examples would include the soccer and ball field complex at the RecPlex, Stockstill Park softball fields, tennis courts and skate park, Alexander Park ball fields and tennis courts, Cantwell Park Basketball Courts, and the Disc Golf Course at Sunset Park.
  6. The Branson AquaPlex - The Aquatic center is located adjacent to the RecPlex.
  7. Indoor recreation facilities such as Branson RecPlex or the Branson Community Center.
  8. Special Events hosted at the parks or facilities like the 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Doggie Swim, Women in the Outdoors, Children’s Theatre, Rotary Youth Fishing Tournament, Back to School Bash, Halloween BOOnanza, Breakfast with Santa, etc.
- B. Trails- We are looking for photos that demonstrate the appealing facets of Branson’s trails and walking paths or of people using the trails. We’re interested in photos from all seasons and trail users in various modes of transportation – walking, running, bicycling, etc. For a list of trails provided by the Parks and Recreation, see trails on the parks portion of our website.
- C. Recreation Programs, Sports, Events, and Classes –We are looking for photos of people enjoying programs, sports, events or classes that are hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department. We’re especially looking for photos that best represent the Parks and Recreation Department. A “best photo” might also be a great action shot or one that demonstrates the scope or captures the spirit of an event. Portrait-oriented photos in this category have the possibility of being selected for the cover of our annual Parks and Recreation Magazine. See the magazine and our website for a listing of events\sports\programs\classes. (close up photos of people should be entered in category D)
- D. Faces and Activities- We are looking for eye-catching, close-up photos of people that show their facial expressions and emotions as they are engaged in or enjoying a parks and recreation activity. (make sure you obtain a release form from the subject person – see rule #4)
- E. Landscape, Wildlife and Nature – We are looking for beautiful photos of the natural areas, trees, or wildlife on park lands managed by Branson Parks and Recreation Department. Landscaping photos may also include the formal landscape beds in our parks and flowers maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department in downtown planters or at City Hall. Photos in this category should be focused on the beauty these areas add to the community. A list of park lands can be found on the website under Parks.

## **Rules:**

1. Eligibility -The contest is open to all participants age 18 and older. Parks and Recreation Employees or their immediate families are not eligible.

2. Deadline- The contest runs May 1, 2010 through August 15, 2010. Submissions must be delivered to the RecPlex office by 4:30pm on August 15, 2010 or post-dated no later August 15, 2010 than to be considered.
3. Photographer's Rights- Photographer retains all rights to any photographs submitted- including ownership if applicable- other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering the contest, the photographer hereby grants the Branson Park and Recreation Department:
  - (i) A nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, use in publications and associated trade magazines, publicly display and publicly perform the photographs you submit to the Branson Parks and Recreation Department, and
  - (ii) The right to use your name, city, state and country of residence in promotions and other publications.
4. Photographer's Responsibility- If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from individuals depicted, and you must be able to provide copies of those releases to the Parks and Recreation Department upon request. (Find the Model Release Form on our Website or in the Photo Contest Packet)
5. Photo Criteria-
  - All Photographs must have been taken within the past two years at a Branson Parks and Recreation facility, park, events, sport or program to be considered.
  - Photos should accurately reflect be digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contract, etc.) Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single "high dynamic range" image are acceptable.
  - Image orientation may be portrait or landscape.
  - Images must be at least 3.2 megapixel.
  - Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion.
6. How to Submit-
  - Digital photos (no prints, please) in jpeg format must be submitted on a CD labeled with photographer's name. Each photo's file name must be labeled with the following format: lastname\_firstname\_01.jpg, lastname\_firstname\_02.jpg, and so on. The numbers on the file name should correspond with the Image #s on the Entry Form.
  - A maximum of ten photographs per photographer may be summated in any combination of the contest categories.
  - Photographers are to complete and sign Entry Form and Photograph Waiver to be submitted along with their CD.
  - On the Entry Form, photos should be listed with the following information:

- Image # - should correspond with the number on the image file name.
  - Location – identify the park, recreation facility, or other location where photo was taken.
  - Description – name of event, sport, program, or class, if applicable.
  - Category – choose one of the five photo contest categories. (Judges reserve the right to adjust the category selected when deemed appropriate.)
  - Year Taken – (no photographs older than two years, please)
- Deliver or mail the CD along with the Entry Form and signed Photograph Waiver by 4:30pm on August 15, 2010 to :

**Photo Contest  
Branson RecPlex  
1500 Branson Hills Pkwy  
Branson, MO 65616**

7. Judging- The judges appointed by the Branson Parks and Recreation Department shall determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the judges are final. Photograph entries will be judged on the following criteria:
- Overall impact
  - Originality/ creativity
  - Technical excellence
  - Artistic merit
8. Legal Conditions- By entering, participants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Branson and the Parks and Recreation Department, its respective subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents, and representatives, from any third party liability for injury, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the competition (collectively, “Losses”), including without limitation any third party claim for copyright infringement or a violation of any individual’s right to privacy and /or publicity right. The contest is void where prohibited by law.
9. Other- The Parks and Recreation is not responsible for lost entries. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to adjust any deadline (s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.