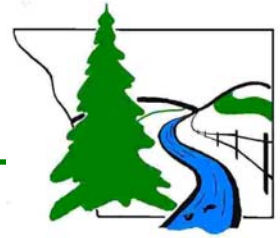


The Benton Soil & Water Conservation District's 2010 Conservation Photo Contest



The Benton Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding its first annual conservation photo contest. There will be two groups for Benton County residents:

Group A—Youth

Group B—Adult (18 years or older)

CONTENT

Photographs may be entered into the contest that highlight natural resources conservation in Benton County. Examples may include: conservation practices (grassed waterways, shoreline stabilization, wildlife habitat, etc.), close-up conservation (irrigation systems, prairie plantings, etc.), or conservation in action (landowners implementing conservation practices, wildlife, livestock, etc.).

GUIDELINES

- The contest is open to amateur photographers (those who make less than 50% of their income from photography) who are **Benton County residents**.
- There can only be one entry per participant. **Photos will not be returned.**
- Black-and-white prints, color prints, prints from digital photos, and emailed digital photos are all accepted and will be judged together. There is no size requirement—**however, it is preferred that photos be no larger than 8X10 and that they not be matted.**
- All entries become the property of the Benton SWCD. Photographs may be used in Benton SWCD publications or for promotional purposes.
- **The following information must be attached to the photograph:** A. Photographer's name, age, address and phone number; B. Title of photograph; C. Identification of persons in photo; D. Location; E. Description; and F. Date of photo

JUDGING/AWARDS

- Judges will select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in the adult (18 years or older) and youth category.
First place winners will receive \$50.00 and an award certificate
Second place winners will receive \$25.00 and an award certificate
Third place winners will receive \$15.00 and an award certificate
- Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

All entries must be delivered or emailed to the Benton Soil & Water Conservation District office by 4:30pm on Monday, March 8, 2010.

Placing a piece of cardboard in the envelope and writing "Photographs: Do Not Bend" on the envelope will help ensure that photographs arrive in good condition.

[Photos can be emailed to Katie@soilandwater.org](mailto:Katie@soilandwater.org)