

Judging of Photography Contest

Entries will be reviewed on originality, print quality, image impact, and composition. One grand prize winner will be selected from all entries. In addition, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be presented in each of the categories below.

Categories

Under 18 (ages 5-17)

Animal Action

Animal Portrait

Animal Group

Black and White

Landscape/Horticulture

Altered Images

Professional (30%+ of annual income comes from photography)

In addition to the above, the following awards will also be presented:

Director's Choice

Staff Choice

Contest winners will be notified by phone on or around August 26, 2016

Prizes and Recognition

All eligible entries will be displayed at a Take Your Best Shot Photo Exhibition held at the Topeka Zoo September 2-5

All contestants will receive a coupon good for one free visit on 9/2, 9/3, 9/4 or 9/5

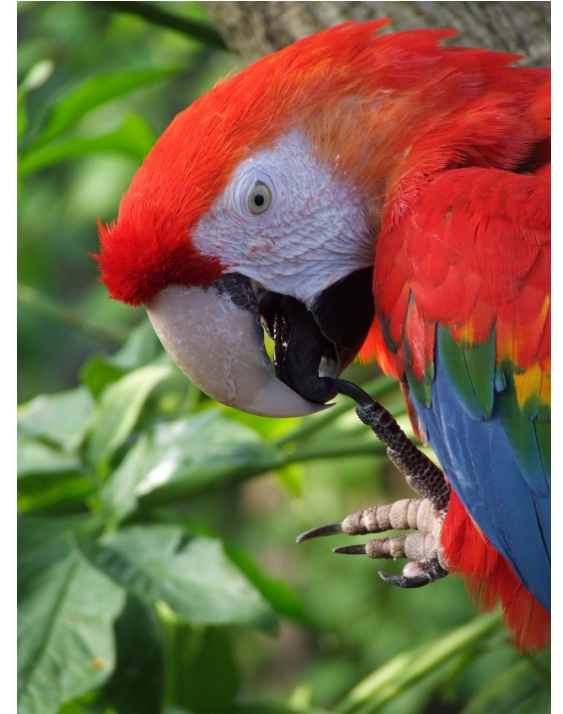
All winning entries will be published on the website. Entries may be sold with 100% of the proceeds benefiting your Topeka Zoo or Topeka Zoo Conservation Efforts.

Grand Prize

Valued at over \$200

The grand prize winner will receive all recognition benefits above. In addition, they will receive the following:

- Guided photo safari at your Topeka Zoo!
- 1 year Friends of the Topeka Zoo Family Member-ship
- \$25 Gift Certificate to the Leopard Spot Gift Shop
- \$20 Gift Certificate to Grazer's Café



Take Your Best Shot
Topeka Zoo
Photography Contest
Deadline
August 1, 2016





With more than 300 animals, your Topeka Zoo is a photographers paradise! From wild animals to the colorful landscape, choices abound for that perfect picture. Now, you can showcase your talents by submitting your favorite photo in the Friends of the Topeka Zoo Photography Contest! **Take Your Best Shot** and support your Topeka Zoo!

How To Enter

Photo must be taken at the Topeka Zoo and not be more than one year old by the contest deadline, August 1, 2016.

Photo must be a **minimum** of 8" x 10" in size and be **matted**.

Email entries will not be accepted. Winners will be asked to submit their photos in digital format for publication.

All entries should be submitted to the Friends

of the Topeka Zoo office at the Topeka Zoo. A photo contest entry form must be completed and attached to the back of each entry.

All entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on August 1, 2016

All entries will become the property of Friends of the Topeka Zoo and will not be returned.

All entries will become a part of a photo exhibition at the zoo from Sept 2-5.

Photo entries may be sold with proceeds benefiting your Topeka Zoo or Topeka Zoo Conservation efforts.

Zoo and FOTZ staff entries are not eligible for prizes.

New Rules

Please do not digitally enhance or alter your photographs (beyond the basics needed to achieve realistic color balance and sharpness).

Cropping, dodging and burning, color saturation and changing to black and white are acceptable. If you would like to express creativity beyond these changes, please consider entering our new Altered Photos category.

If someone under the age of 18 chooses to enter their submission into an adult category, s/he may do so.

Do not frame any pictures. If frames are submitted, they will be removed for judging and exhibition.

Photo Contest Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Category:

- Under 18
- Animal Action
- Animal Portrait
- Animal Group
- Landscape/Horticulture
- Altered Images
- Black and White
- Professional (see explanation)

I have read, understand, and agree to the contest rules. I certify that the photograph that I have submitted was taken by me. I understand the Friends of the Topeka Zoo will retain my photo and that it will be used for photo exhibition and auction. I understand that Friends of the Topeka Zoo retains the right to use select contest entries for publication, website, educational or promotional use.

Photographer's Signature _____

Parent signature (if photographer is a minor) _____

Date _____