



Festival of the Cranes Photo Contest Guidelines

PHOTO CONTEST OVERVIEW

Entry Fee

- \$4 per image
- Up to 20 entries per photographer

Exhibition & Recognition

Winning photographs will be displayed in the Bosque del Apache Visitor Center Atrium and may be featured on the Friends website, Festival publications, newsletters, and promotional materials.

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Eligible Images

- Photographs must be taken at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.
- Entries must be submitted by the original photographer, who must be the sole author and copyright holder.
- Panoramic images are not eligible.

File Specifications

- JPEG format only
- Maximum file size: 2 MB
- RGB or sRGB color space

Permitted Editing

Allowed

- Cropping
- Color correction
- Black & white conversion
- Contrast, brightness, and saturation adjustments
- HDR processing

Not Allowed

- Merging multiple photographs
- Adding photographic elements from other images
- AI-generated content

Ethical Photography

Photographers must obey all refuge regulations, including gate closures, fences, access restrictions, and traffic signs while capturing images.

FILE NAMING

To help judges organize entries, please use the following file naming format:

Format

FirstLast + Last Two Digits of Phone Number + Category Letter + Image Number

Example:

John Doe

Phone: 555-111-1234

Comedy entries

- JohnDoe34F01
- JohnDoe34F02
- JohnDoe34F03

Sandhill Crane entry

- JohnDoe34S01

Category Codes	
Code	Category
S	Sandhill Cranes
P	People
W	Wildlife
L	Landscapes
F	Comedy

COPYRIGHT & IMAGE USAGE

Photographers retain ownership and copyright of all submitted images. By entering the contest, photographers grant Friends of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge a non-exclusive right to store, display, publish, and use submitted images, thumbnails, and photographer names for non-commercial promotional purposes without additional compensation.

MODEL RELEASES

Photographers are responsible for obtaining permission from any recognizable individuals appearing in submitted photographs.

PAYMENT & SUBMISSION

- All entries are submitted online.
- Payment is processed securely through PayPal.
- A PayPal account is not required.
- Please do not mail payment, CDs, DVDs, or image files to Friends of Bosque del Apache.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Please be prepared to provide:
- First and last name
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email address

Thank you for your submission and good luck!

