



2012 Contest Rules

General Information:

- The contest begins on January 2, 2012 and ends on January 31, 2012. Entries are due by 4:00 p.m. on February 1. Late entries will not be accepted.
- The contest is open to photographers of all abilities, ages 4 and up. Rosamond Gifford Zoo staff, Friends of the Zoo staff, sponsor employees, volunteers and board members are not eligible, nor are their immediate family members.
- To be eligible, photos must be taken at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo between January 2 and January 31, 2012.
- Each person is limited to 2 entries. Both entries should be listed on one form; please provide a photo title and description for each entry.
- Complimentary zoo admission is available to contest participants who show their camera and present the coupon available at www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org/photo-contest, www.FoxSyracuse.com, www.my43.tv or www.thesunnyspot.com at the main gate. The contestant must fill out the coupon in its entirety before giving it to the ticket booth attendant. **This coupon allows one entrant, with a limit of one entrant per household or group per day, to enter the zoo free of charge.** Complete rules and the entry form are available on the zoo's website www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org.
- Photographers must follow zoo rules, stay on paths and obey posted signs. Flash is prohibited where indicated.
- The Rosamond Gifford Zoo reserves the right to terminate, cancel or suspend the contest without notice.
- Submission of an entry automatically constitutes the contestant's acceptance of all the conditions set forth in the rules.

Submission Details:

- Entries should be e-mailed to photocontest@rosamondgiffordzoo.org. **E-mailed photos must be sent as an attachment and should be labeled with the type of animal, followed by the entrant's name.** (Example: Lion_JaneSmith).
- Exceptionally large files may be submitted on a CD. Label CDs or include message in email with the type of animal, entrant's name and title of the photos on the CD. (Example: Lion, Jane Smith, Sleeping in the Winter Sun). The Rosamond Gifford Zoo is not responsible for lost or damaged CDs, as well as those that are not received by the contest deadline.
- The entry form **MUST** be filled out online. The link to the form is on the photo contest page of the zoo's website and can be accessed at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dHFjX2VmM1gyU0xIRmk5RUI5VEkyQ1E6MQ>.
- If the photo contains a readily identifiable person as a subject, the photographer must submit the person's name, address and phone number. If the subject is a minor, the photographer must also submit the parent or guardian's information. This information must be submitted with the photo and entry form.

Photo Specifications:

- **Entries must be in a digital format to be eligible.**
- Photos must be submitted in jpeg or tiff format. Please provide the largest file size possible to allow for quality printing of photos. Low resolution images will not be considered.
- With the exception of the digitally enhanced category, photos may be submitted in natural color or black and white forms only
- Minor digital enhancements, such as cropping, contrast, etc. are permitted. Images that have been significantly modified may be entered in the “digitally enhanced” category only. Those entering the “digitally enhanced” category should indicate as such on the entry form.
- No date marks, watermarks, signatures or copyright notices may be added to the image.
- Contest officials reserve the right to refuse any photo that does not meet the photo specifications or adhere to contest rules.

Photo Management:

- All submissions become the property of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and will not be acknowledged or returned.
- By entering the contest, you grant to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and its sponsors the non-exclusive, world-wide, perpetual right and license to use, display, reproduce, publish, transmit and distribute your photograph on the Internet, and/or in any other promotional materials produced by the zoo and the contest sponsors. Photographers retain the right to use the submitted photo.
- When possible, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo will credit the photographer when his/her photo is used. It is unlikely that photographers will be notified prior to photo usage.
- The Rosamond Gifford Zoo reserves the right to crop and/or re-size photos if necessary.
- By entering the contest, you represent, acknowledge and warrant that the submitted photo is an original work created solely by you, and you are the sole owner of all right, title and interest in and to your photo.

Judging:

- Judging will take place between February 2-24, 2012.
- The judging panel will consist of:
 - Kate Woodle, former exhibits artist at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo
 - Ed Sautter, Promotions Director for Fox 68 & MyNetworkTV
 - Big Mike, Sunny 102 morning DJ
- Members of the community (including zoo staff and volunteers) are invited to vote for “fan favorite” after formal judging has been completed. Eligible entries will be on display at the zoo and on the zoo’s Web site (www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org/photo-contest) on or around February 28. Details on participating will be available when voting opens.

Prizes & Award Presentation:

- The awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday, February 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo. All contestants are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contestants need not be present to win. Once confirmed, prizes will be listed on the zoo’s website.