

2018 Tuscarawas County SWCD Photo Contest

The Tuscarawas SWCD will accept and judge entries for this contest based on the following guidelines:

Entry Guidelines – Theme: “Watersheds our Water, our Home”

1. The contest is open to amateur photographers 18yrs and up. Digital enhancement is not acceptable. Photos thought to be enhanced will be disqualified.
2. Photos must be taken in Tuscarawas County and must be the original work of applicant.
3. Photo may be color or black-and-white. Photo needs to be 5x7 or 8x10 printed on photo paper. Matting and frames are allowed but not required. They must have at least a clear sheet protector. An entry form (available at www.tuscsoil.com) must accompany each photo.
4. Each applicant may submit no more than 3 (three) entries. Only one prize will be awarded per person.
5. The winning Top 3 Entries will not be returned and Tuscarawas SWCD reserves the right to use the photographs in publications or for promotional purpose. **Non-winning entries may be picked up from the Tuscarawas SWCD office by Oct 5, 2018.**
6. A 3x5 note card containing the following information must be attached to the back of each photo or it will not be considered:
 - a) Photographer’s Name
 - b) Title of the Photograph – Please use same title as title on entry form.
 - c) Subject – Correctly spelled names and titles are needed for people in the photo.
 - d) Location – Correctly identify location of where photo was taken.
 - e) Date of the Photo – Month and year are acceptable

Judging Guidelines –

Judges will select the top three photos and will award *Tuscarawas County Chamber Bucks* to each winner (1st - \$50, 2nd - \$35, 3rd - \$15). The judging panel will consist of 1 SWCD employee and 2 community members. Judges, Tuscarawas SWCD employees and their immediate family members will not be eligible for the contest.

Technical Merit

Well-framed – *The photographer should be close enough to the subject to leave irrelevant or distracting items out of the shot.*

Properly Exposed – *Subjects faces should not be washed out or shadowy. Back-lighting, improper use of flash and incorrect exposure settings on the camera often causes exposure problems.*

Sharp and Clear – *The center of interest should be sharp and clear; however, not everything in the photograph must be sharp. Carefully adjusting your focus and correctly using shutter speed will produce sharp photos.*

Composition

Recognizable Center of Interest – *The photo should generally be well organized, so that the eye immediately recognizes one subject as the most important element of the picture. This element should be in a well-lighted area of the shot and should usually be in clear focus.*

Theme Appropriate – *Please be sure that the photo fits the given theme each year.*

Imagination and Creativity – *An interesting camera angle or lighting effect can make the difference between a technically good but boring photo and an award-winning photo. Many traditional photographic rules can be broken for the sake of creativity.*

All entries must be received by the Tuscarawas SWCD office by 4:00pm on Oct 5, 2018.

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(If mailing a photo, place a piece of cardboard in the envelope and write “Photographs: Do Not Bend” on the envelope to ensure that photos arrive in good condition)