



2021 Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center Photography Contest

You are cordially invited to submit your best pictures to the first annual Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center photography contest. This event is an opportunity for you to share your photographs of our beautiful and unique preserve at Alligator Creek in Punta Gorda, and the gorgeous native surroundings at Cedar Point Environmental Park in Englewood.

Guidelines:

- Contest ends at 11:59 pm on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2021.
- The contest is open to amateur photographers only.
- Only photos taken at our CHEC Punta Gorda or Englewood locations may be submitted.
- Each contestant may submit up to four photos.
- CHEC Board members, staff, and contest judges may not participate in this event.

Submissions Categories:

Photographs may be submitted in any of these categories:

1. Structures
 2. Plants
 3. Animals
- There will be awards in each category and a grand prize for "best in show".

YOUTH CONTEST (FREE to participants ages 17 and under): Email a completed entry form and your digital photos to chec@checflorida.org before 02/15/2021. Please do not submit panoramic photos.

ADULT CONTEST:

1. Pay \$10.50 per photographer via PayPal on our website (www.checflorida.org). *(Please include the following in PayPal's "note to seller" field: "for CHEC 2021 Photography Contest").*
2. Email a completed entry form and your digital photos to chec@checflorida.org before 02/15/2021. Please do not submit panoramic photos.

Acceptable Modifications:

- Use of various corrective features and functions such as brightness, contrast, tone, hue, intensity, tint, lightness, color balance, intensity, etc., to improve the natural appearance of the photo.
- Removal of red-eye or other disfiguring marks.
- Filtering to blur, soften, or sharpen.

- Judges may disqualify any photograph or reassign it to another category.

You must secure “use rights” from the subject(s) for any photographs submitted with recognizable persons in them. For minor subjects, you must obtain “use” permission from a parent or guardian. Please ensure that required identifying information (name, address, phone # and email address) for each subject is listed in your submission email to us.

Judging:

Photographs in each category will be awarded first, second and third place as “best in category”. One photograph from each category will be awarded “best overall”. Awarded entries with details will be posted to our website.

If you choose to have an awarded photograph reproduced in postcard format, we agree to sell them in our gift shop on a consignment basis.

Photographs will be judged on their photographic quality, creativity, and how well they relate the natural beauty, surroundings, and uniqueness at our locations. Judges will not see any of the entry forms. Judging will be anonymous.

Miscellaneous:

You agree that by submitting photographs, we may display those photographs and/or use them for educational purposes and fundraising without recompense. You also agree that submitted photographs will become the property of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. We cannot be responsible for damaged or lost submissions.

Award winners will be notified by 03/15/2021. CHEC will present awards at a reception at our Punta Gorda location on 04/09/2021 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Winning photos will be displayed at this event and all participants are invited to attend.

CHEC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is formally registered as such.

2021 CHEC Photography Contest Entry Form

First & Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country (if not U.S.) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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You will be notified by 03/15/2021 if you have won or placed in this event. Good luck!

Photo Release Form

I grant CHEC the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the 2021 CHEC Photography Contest, and authorize CHEC to use and publish these, and all submitted contest photographs, with or without my name, for any lawful purpose, in print and electronically.

I certify that I have secured "use rights" from the subject(s) for any photographs submitted with recognizable persons in them. For minor subjects, I have obtained "use" permission from a parent or guardian. I have listed required identifying information (name, address, phone # and email address) for each subject in my submission email to CHEC.

I have read and understand the above.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 _____