



ATHENS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Athens SWCD All County Photo Contest

A picture can be worth even more than a thousand words. Good photographs can strengthen an opportunity to teach, inspire, record special events or history and perhaps just reveal the spectacular beauty of a farm, woods or wetland. To recognize individuals who use this tool effectively and creatively, The Athens Soil and Water Conservation District will host an All Athens County Photo Contest 2009.



2009 All Athens County Photo Contest Entry deadline is July 24, 2009

The 2009 All Athens County Photo Contest is open to amateur photographers of all ages who are residents of Athens County, Ohio. Participants can enter as many as three photos total. All photos must fit in one of the three photo categories.

One overall first place winner will be chosen and will receive a \$50 cash prize. Honorable mentions will also be selected but won't receive a monetary award. Winning photos will be displayed at our annual Athens SWCD Meeting held in October. It is hoped that a 2010 calendar can be produced using the 1st place winner and the top 12 honorable mention photographs. The top 12 photos will be selected by public vote at the 2009 Athens County Fair in the Agricultural Resources Tent during the fair.

If you have any questions or for contest rules, category details, or entry and photo release forms contact Athens SWCD Education Coordinator, Teresa T. Caldwell at (740)797-9686 ext106 or by email at teresa-caldwell@oh.nacdnet.org.

Photo Categories: **

- Close Up Conservation
- Conservation in Action
- Ag/Conservation/Natural Resources/ Environment and Landscapes Across Athens County

****Note: All photos must have been taken at an event or location in Athens County, Ohio. A list of categories and examples can be received through our office.**

Entry Instructions:

- We prefer that entries be submitted in electronic format (jpg or tif only) via email to teresa-caldwell@oh.nacdnet.org or burned to a CD and mailed with required entry and release forms. Note: **Each photo must have its own entry and release form.** Those entries without an individual entry form can not be considered in the contest.
- **All emailed photos must be sent by July 24, 2009. In addition, all completed original entry and release forms and if necessary photos, must be post-marked by July 24, 2009 and sent to: Athens SWCD Photo Contest, 69 South Plains Road, The Plains, Ohio 45780.**
- Printed photos, in a 8x10 size only, will be accepted if mailed to the above address by the deadline with required forms, but scanned quality of these photos can not be guaranteed.

Additional Guidelines:

- Photos may be from any time of the year and have been taken on dates preceding this contest. We are looking for photos that reflect all seasons in Athens County.
- Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than necessary burning or cropping.
- Do not send photo reproductions from a printed publication.
- All entries become the property of Athens SWCD and Athens SWCD reserves the right to use all photos in publications or for promotional purposes. Photographers do retain the right to use their photos for personal or professional use.

Judging Standards:

Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. The 1st place winner and honorable mention finalists will be selected by a panel of judges through the Athens SWCD office. Top 12 finalists, which may be used in our proposed 2010 calendar, will be selected from these finalists, by public vote, at the 2009 Athens County Fair Agricultural Resources Tent. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, Judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.