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Dear Photographer:

We are pleased to announce plans for the 80<sup>th</sup> Mountain State Forest Festival are well underway. This year's festival will be October 1 - October 9, 2016.

We invite you to participate in the annual Mountain State Forest Festival Amateur Photography Exhibit/Contest to be held at the Elkins YMCA October 1 – 9, 2016.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Registration Form, the Amateur Photography/Contest Rules and the Mountain State Forest Festival General Rules & Regulations. Be sure to complete each, sign and date where necessary and return with any entry fees to the Mountain State Forest Festival Office by **September 19, 2016**. You will be notified if you are **not** accepted by e-mail on or before September 25, 2016.

We hope you plan to participate in this year's Amateur Photography Exhibit/Contest. If you have questions, you may e-mail at the address listed below or call the Mountain State Forest Festival Office.

Sincerely,

Chad Shoemaker  
2016 Director Deputy General

☐ Please check if this is a Youth Entry (age 18 and under)

**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT/CONTEST  
REGISTRATION / ENTRY FORM  
(\*required field)**

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Drop-Off Location \_\_\_\_\_

**\*CATEGORY**

**TITLE**

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. \_\_\_\_\_

\*I Will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ be attending the Reception on Wednesday,  
October 5, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

**Release:** By signing this form, I release the Mountain State Forest Festival from any and all personal injury or property damage that I may incur as a result of my participation in the Mountain State Forest Festival.

**You will be notified if you are not accepted as a participant by e-mail on or before September 25, 2016.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Date

**MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST FESTIVAL  
AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT/CONTEST  
RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. The Mountain State Forest Festival will not be responsible for loss or damage to any photo and reserves the right to refuse to exhibit photos deemed inappropriate.
2. Photography Exhibit/Contest is only open to Amateurs. An amateur is defined as a person who has not advertised as a photographer in the past year.
3. Entry Fees and Information: A \$5.00 entry fee must accompany each print submitted. Photographers may enter no more than **eight** prints. If your photograph is not displayed the entry fee for that photography will be refunded.
4. Categories
  - (a) Nature – Landscape, Flowers, etc. (color)
  - (b) Animals – Wild or Domestic (color)
  - (c) Places – Historic sites, churches, colleges, monuments, buildings, etc. (color)
  - (d) People – At work or play, posed or candid (color)
  - (e) Black & White – Any subject
  - (f) Youth – Any subject, exhibitors up to age 18
5. Specifications:
  - (a) Entries must be mounted, but not framed. Photos and mats should range in size from 5 x 7 to 16 x 20.
  - (b) A means of hanging the photograph should be attached. Scotch tape, masking tape, or duct tape will not hold the photo. Do not use wire or hooks. Flat hooks are available for purchase at Talbott Frame Shop.
  - (c) Work must not have been exhibited in previous Forest Festival Shows.
  - (d) The following information should appear on the back of each photo: name, address, telephone number, category of entry, and the number of the work (i.e.: 1 of 4 prints). No names are allowed on the front of the photo or mat.
6. Entries must be received no later than Friday September 19, 2016. Please include with your photos, the registration form, the entry fee, and a container suitable for return mail with pre-paid postage (if you wish return by mail). Entries may be dropped off at the following locations:
  - (a) Talbott Frame Shop  
224 Third Street  
Elkins, WV 26241  
304-636-7691
  - (b) Foto 1  
100 Wilcox Street

Elkins, WV 26241  
304-636-5123

- (c) Mailed to or dropped off at the  
Mountain State Forest Festival Office  
101 Lough Street  
P.O. Box 388  
Elkins, WV 26241

- 7. Entries may be picked up after 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Elkins YMCA, or after October 14, 2016 at the location where the photo was dropped off.
- 8. Cash awards and ribbons will be presented as follows:
  - (a) Best of Show (overall)
  - (b) First Place in each category
  - (c) Second Place in each category
  - (d) Third Place in each category
  - (e) Honorable Mention (ribbon only)
- 9. Photographers and Guests are invited to a reception, Wednesday October 5, at 6:00 pm at the Elkins YMCA.

**Exhibit Location**

Elkins YMCA Rotary Room  
Exhibit will open Thursday - Saturday

**By signing below I indicate I have read the General Rules & Regulations and understand each as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature (parent if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Date



**Mountain State Forest Festival**  
**General Rules & Regulations**  
**(\*required field)**

- 1) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to adjust locations in the event of inclement weather, inclement ground conditions or as needed.
- 2) All applications for specific events and entry fees must be received by the deadline set for specific event.
- 3) All applications will be reviewed by the designated Mountain State Forest Festival committee. Each exhibitor or vendor will be notified by mail if the application is accepted by the committee by the deadline advertised for that event.
- 4) All registration fees are non-refundable unless specified in the specific rules for that event.
- 5) A royalty will be charged to any vendor selling wears bearing the Mountain State Forest Festival and/or the official logo of the Mountain State Forest Festival.
- 6) Please note any special needs on your application. We will attempt to meet the special need, if any additional fees are required for your request we will notify you of the additional fee within two (2) weeks of receiving your application and fee.
- 7) The Mountain State Forest Festival, or any agent acting on its behalf, will not be responsible for damages to exhibitor's/vendor's displays, units or property.
- 8) The Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to advertise the presence of the exhibitor or vendor. The exhibitor agrees to hold the Mountain State Forest Festival and any agent acting on its behalf harmless from any advertising or other liability.
- 9) Unless otherwise agreed upon all hardware (i.e. electrical cords, tables, tents/canopy, coverings, lighting, etc.) is the responsibility of the Exhibitor/Vendor.
- 10) Alcohol is strictly prohibited at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission from the Mountain State Forest Festival.
- 11) No merchandise depicting drugs, alcohol or tobacco may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event without prior written permission.
- 12) No item used to consume drugs may be sold, displayed or promoted at any Mountain State Forest Festival event.
- 13) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to request a vendor to remove any merchandise or display that the event organizers determine is unacceptable or inconsistent with the Forest Festival rules or philosophy.
- 14) Mountain State Forest Festival reserves the right to evict any person/organization/business for failure to follow the General Rules or the Specific Rules for each event.

**By signing below I indicate I have read the General Rules & Regulations and understand each**

**as they apply and have made a copy for myself/organization/business:**

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\*Signature

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\*Date