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## Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary 2010 Photo Contest Application

Theme of the Contest: Wild Birds

*Please attach a completed copy of this application securely to the back of each entry submitted*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number E-mail Address

Division: \_\_\_\_ ADULT \_\_\_\_ YOUTH Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_ Birds-of-Prey \_\_\_\_ Large Water Birds \_\_\_\_ Small Water Birds \_\_\_\_ Land Birds

Print How Entry Submitted: Via mail, email or hand delivered: \_\_\_\_\_

Type Submitted – Disc, print, or digital file: \_\_\_\_\_ # of prints submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Location where print was taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical Information: \_\_\_\_\_ Camera \_\_\_\_\_ Lens

(If known) \_\_\_\_\_ Digital or Film \_\_\_\_\_ F-Stop

\_\_\_\_\_ Shutter Speed \_\_\_\_\_ ISO

### Photography Release and Waiver

I \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) AUTHORIZE SSS THE USE OF SUBMITTED PHOTO for use in all form, made media and manners, without restriction as to changes or alternations, for advertising, trade, promotion, exhibition, or any other law purposes.

I am 18 years of age and am competent to sign this release. I have read this release and waiver and am fully familiar with its contents. Under 18, please have parents sign also.

In accordance with the rules stated, I affirm the photo was taken by the undersigned and adheres to all contest rules. I also agree all submissions become property of the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, and will not be returned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Signature (if under 18 years old)

\*\*\* If submission is sent by a minor, the parent or guardian is necessary. \*\*\*

## How to Enter *the 2010 Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary's Photography Contest*

The staff of the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary's *Fly Free* magazine invite photographers from all levels of expertise to enter *the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary's (SSS) 2010 Photo Contest Competition*.

**Basic Criteria:** Open to all ages, Adult and Youth Categories, Images of Wild Birds Anywhere, High Resolution - Digital Format Preferred but Not Required.

**Deadline: February 15, 2010.**

**WHO:** The 2010 SSS *Photo Contest Competition* is open to ALL photographers of all ages, except employees of the SSS and their immediate families. Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs — and your name, occupation, city and state of residence — to be published as selected award winners in *Fly Free*; published or used on websites owned by the SSS and used for promotions of SSS including, but not limited to, exhibitions, a photo contest calendar, a compilation book or electronic collection of photographs, online photo features and contests, and web pages providing SSS information, updates, rules and photography tips. Entries will retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs. The SSS shall have the right to verify, in their sole judgment, winner eligibility.

**Divisions:** Photographers must enter their images in one of the following divisions and categories:

**Adult** - Beginning or amateur photographers at least 18 years of age, and experienced photographers who do not receive a major part of their income from nature photography.

**Youth** - Young photographers up to 18 years of age.

**Categories:** Large Water Birds, Small Water Birds, Birds-of-Prey, Land Birds – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners each category.

**Legal conditions:** By entering this competition, you agree to these entry rules, and the following legal conditions.

By entering, participants allow the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, Inc. to use and display the photo(s) for the purpose of promotion and/or fundraising. The photographer's name will be placed on winning photo, and displayed each time the photo is reproduced or used. Participants warrant that his or her entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that participant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph. SSS reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of SSS shall be final and binding.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless the SSS, its respective subsidiaries, affiliates (collectively, the "Companies"), directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind rising from or in connection with the SSS, or any prize won, any use of the entry materials by SSS, the warranties participants make, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any SSS-related activity, or participation in the SSS.

Participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with the Companies, and causes of action arising out of or connected with the SSS, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in Pinellas County, FL, which court shall apply the laws of the commonwealth of Florida without regard for rules of conflicts of law. In any such dispute, participant shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with participating in the SSS. Participant hereby waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the SSS is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, the Companies reserve the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The SSS is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the SSS, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the SSS, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The Companies assume no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. The Companies are not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in the SSS.

All federal, state, and local taxes, fees and surcharges on prize packages are the sole responsibility of the winners. Winners may be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility/Release of Liability/Prize Acceptance Form. Return of any prize and/or prize notification as undeliverable or failure of any entrant to comply with any Official Rules may result in disqualification.

In no event will the SSS or their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives be responsible or liable for any damages or losses of any kind, including direct indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages arising out of participant's access to and use of the Companies' websites or the downloading or uploading and/or printing of material from said sites. Without limiting the foregoing, everything on the SSS websites is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied. Some jurisdictions may not allow the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so some of the foregoing limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. Check your local laws for any restrictions or limitations regarding these limitations or exclusions.

**WHAT:** We are looking for striking images of WILD BIRDS, on land and in the water any where in the world. These images may show bird behavior, portraits of birds in natural habitat, and may include natural landscapes, weather or people interacting with them. **Please do not include photographs of pets or domestic animals.** Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.

Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person or submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.

**WHEN:** Deadline for submitting entries is **Feb. 15, 2010**. Online entries can be uploaded starting NOVEMBER 22, 2010 and must be uploaded no later than 11:59 pm Pacific Daylight Saving Time on Feb 15, 2010. Mailed or shipped entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 15, 2010. Receipt of packages cannot be acknowledged. Winners will be notified Feb 25, 2010. SSS will endeavor to return all properly prepared non-winning entries if so requested, by March 1, 2010.

**WHY:** Prizes will be awarded as described below. A selection of winning photos will appear in the *Fly Free* Spring 2010 issue. Various winners will appear weekly on the SSS website at <http://www.seabirdsanctuary.com>.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to winning images in the Adult and Youth divisions. Judges will also select one image as Grand Prize and award Honorable Mentions in each category as they determine.

1. **Grand Prize Packages, 1 for Adult and 1 for Youth Divisions**
  - Publication in *FlyFree Magazine*
  - Publication on SSS website
  - Display in the Educational Center or Gift Shop
2. **Categories:** Large Water Birds, Small Water Birds, Birds-of-Prey, Land Birds – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners each category.
  - Contest Winner Appreciation Certificate
  - Gift Package including t-shirt, mug, bookmarks, book worth \$100.00. (Grand Prize Winners only)
3. Honorable Mentions:
  - Publication in *FlyFree Magazine*
  - Publication on SSS website
  - Contest Winner Appreciation Certificate

## Judges:

**Ralph Heath:** Director/Founder of the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary

**Michelle Glean Simoneau:** Marketing & PR Manager

**Micki Eslick:** SSS Operations Manager

**HOW:** Each participant may submit up to 20 photographs total. Entrants must designate the appropriate division in which all their images are to be judged. **HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGES ARE PREFERRED, DELIVERED ON DISK.** Uploaded Images need to be between 750k and 3 megs. Entries may be digital files, digital prints, color prints, or black and white prints.

**Digital entries:** Camera-made digital images or scans of slides or prints should be uploaded as low-resolution jpegs. An online form is provided for required information. Original slides or negatives must be available for scanned photographs. Original files of camera-made digital photos must be three (3) megapixels or larger. If you wish to donate any of your images to the SSS for its continuing educational efforts, please indicate.

**Mailed or shipped entries: Only images entered in the Amateur or Youth divisions may be mailed or shipped.** Each photograph must bear the photographer's name, address, phone number, email address if applicable, category and entry number (1 through 20). All images must be sent together as one package. Repeat this information one time on a separate, single sheet of paper; include the division you are entering and your occupation along with the focal length of lens used for each photo; type of film; special equipment, if any; and a brief description of where, when and how the photograph was taken. Please do not send a cover letter. Negatives must be available for all prints, and original slides for all duplicates, but please do not send them until contacted.

Prints may be mounted, but print must be no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches. Sandwich sheets or prints between cardboard, wrap with a rubber band and enclose in a mailing envelope. Do not use tape, slide boxes or glass-mounted slides. **Include a separate, self-addressed envelope (SASE) of the proper size with sufficient postage affixed, or entries will not be returned.** Nonreturnable entries will be destroyed after three (3) years. The SSS cannot be responsible for lost, damaged, late or misdirected entries, or for uploading connections, garbled transmissions, unauthorized intervention or technical malfunctions. Void where prohibited.

**WHERE:** Send mailed or shipped entries to SSS 2010 Photography Contest, 18328 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores, FL 33785. Email photos to [michelle@seabirdsanctuary.com](mailto:michelle@seabirdsanctuary.com). 727-391-2473.