



HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Placer Nature Center invites you to use your photographic talents to document and celebrate our Nature Trail that weaves through the foothill woodland.

WHEN: Contest: Images postmarked on or before March 12th, 2010

WHERE: Placer Nature Center outside Auburn. For directions go to <http://www.placernaturecenter.org/aboutpnc/directions.html>
Carpool with friends, parent or teacher!
You may visit and photograph our trail at any time

WHO: All area high school students--public, private or homeschooled--can enter.

WIN: Recognition and prizes!

Selected photographs taken on PNC's trail will be posted and credited on our website illustrating points of interest along the trail. The selected images will also be displayed at the April Art Walk at the Old Library Artist Studios.

The Auburn Art Walk is a reception to showcase the artists who display their work in participating businesses of Old Town and Downtown Auburn.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR CONTEST INTRUCTIONS

Q: Do I have to attend the seminar to enter?

Participants do not have to come to the seminar to enter an image. The seminar is held to get you familiar with the Placer Nature Center Trail and to enrich your photographic technique.

Q: When are the images due?

The images must be postmarked on or before **March 12th, 2010**

Mail to: Photography Contest
 Placer Nature Center
 3700 Christian Valley Rd
 Auburn, CA 95602

Q: What are the categories?

Photographs can be 1) black and white, 2) color, 3) digitally enhanced, or 4) photographic collage. They may include people or not and must be taken somewhere along the PNC trail.

Q: How do I enter?

1. Take a high resolution image. If selected, this image would be framed (8" X 10") for displaying at the Auburn Art Walk.
2. Send 8" X 10" printed images.
3. Students can submit one image per category.
3. Label the back of the image with this information:
 - Your name
 - Grade
 - Age
 - Title of image
 - Category
 - Closest trail post to image (number 1 - 20)
 - Contact phone number and email address

Q: How will the Photo images be judged?

1. **Clarity** What is the intent and competency in the use of focus? Is depth of field used effectively?
2. **Exposure** Does the contrast between the lights and dark hold?
3. **Composition** Is there intent with the use of compositional elements like line, space, balance etc.?
4. **Visual Interest** How does the photograph appeal to the eye?
5. **Originality** Does the photographer present the scene with an intriguing and original perspective?
6. **Utility** Does image clearly portray or reflect the designated site?

Questions???

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