



# 2009 Indian River Lagoon Photo Contest

## *Entry Requirements and Contest Rules:*

The Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program is seeking lagoon-related photographs for publication in our 2009 Indian River Lagoon Calendar.

**The following guidelines will be considered by the judging panel when choosing photographs for inclusion in the calendar:**

1. A total of three (3) entries may be submitted per photographer
2. All images must have been taken within the Indian River Lagoon, Florida area between Ponce Inlet in Volusia County and Jupiter Inlet in Palm Beach County.
3. All images must be in landscape (horizontal) composition
4. All digital images must be of publication quality (see the Digital Images section below)

### **Submittal Checklist: Each entry MUST include the following:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A completed and signed Entry Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ An unmounted 5" X 7" or 8" X 10" printed copy of the image on photographic paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ AND a negative, slide, or digital copy (on CD) of the photograph
- \_\_\_\_\_ A signed model release for any/all persons recognizable in the photograph

Failure to meet all of the above criteria will disqualify an entry from judging

### **DIGITAL IMAGES:**

- Digital photographs should be a minimum of 300 dpi, or a minimum file size of 9 mb (approximately a 5" X 7" image), in either TIFF or JPEG format.
- Preferred file size is 300 dpi with a total file size of between 12 – 17mb (approximately an 8" X 10" image or larger) in either TIFF or JPEG format.
  - To achieve this resolution on most digital cameras, image quality must be set to 'Fine', 'High Quality' (HQ) or 'Super High Quality' (SHQ or TIFF) at the time the photo is taken.
- Digital photographs should not be compressed; and may not be altered beyond adjustment of brightness, contrast, and sharpness.
- Digital photos may not contain additional elements that were not present when the photo was taken, nor may they have elements deleted from them.

### **FILM AND SLIDES:**

- Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of negatives or slides.

**Release information and use of Photos:**

By entering this contest, the contestant warrants that the image submitted is his or her original work and that he or she is the owner of the image. While contestants retain all rights to their images, contestant must grant permission for unrestricted use of the image to the Indian River Lagoon Program, or its designee, to utilize the image in future publications, exhibits and on its Internet site to promote the functions and values of the Indian River Lagoon. Contestants must also grant the Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce and the Brevard Zoo permission for the use of the image in the development of educational materials and exhibits, on the Smithsonian’s website (including Internet publication of the IRL Photo Gallery, Indian River Lagoon Species Inventory and Field Guide to the Indian River Lagoon); in the Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit; and the Brevard Zoo’s Indian River Lagoon Adventure Exhibit. Release signatures of any recognizable persons in a photograph, other than the photographer, will also be required. Employees of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and St. Johns River and South Florida Water Management Districts may enter photos for judging, but are not eligible to win prize monies.

**Judging:**

Decisions of the judges are final. Winners will be contacted after judging is complete. Twelve (12) images will be eligible for prize money. In addition to being published as the featured monthly photo in the 2009 Indian River Lagoon Calendar, the first place winner (January) will receive \$300; the second place winner (February) will receive \$200; and the third place winner (March) will receive \$100. The remaining nine winners (April–December) will each receive \$25.

**Deadline:** All contest entries must be postmarked by July 31, 2008.

**Model Release:** Any recognizable person featured in a photo must sign a model release (see below) granting the photographer permission to use their likeness. Children under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the release on their behalf.

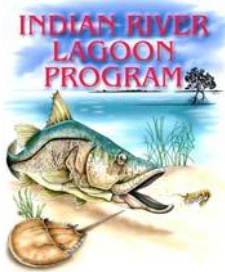
**MODEL RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print model name) hereby grant permission to \_\_\_\_\_ (print photographer name) to use my photographic likeness and/or name to enter an image in the Indian River Lagoon Photo Contest.

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

**Models Under 18:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above. I have read this release and approve of its terms.

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



# 2009 Indian River Lagoon Photo Contest Official Entry Form

*Please Print*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of photograph: \_\_\_\_\_

Location where photo was taken: (MUST be within the IRL area): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other information about the photo you would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Photographer Release:

I agree with the contest rules and grant the Indian River Lagoon Program, or its designee, permission for unrestricted use of my image for future publications, exhibits, and on its Internet site to promote the functions and values of the Indian River Lagoon. I also grant the Smithsonian Marine Station permission to use my image in developing educational exhibits and materials for the Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit, and in its web publications, the IRL Photo Gallery, Field Guide to the IRL, and IRL Species Inventory. I also grant the Brevard Zoo use of my image for its Indian River Lagoon Adventure Exhibit.

I warrant that I am the owner of the image being submitted. I agree to provide release signatures of any recognizable person(s) in the image, other than the photographer. I further certify that the image submitted is an original photograph, is not digitally altered beyond adjustment of brightness, contrast and sharpness, and has not had elements either added to or deleted from the original image.

Name: (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Entries To:**  
Indian River Lagoon Program  
525 Community College Parkway SE  
Palm Bay, FL 32909  
321.984.4950 or 800.226.3747

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