



MY FAVORITE PLACE

Georgetown County Photo Contest

Georgetown County government invites photographers of all ages and skill levels to enter our latest photo contest. We've selected "My Favorite Place" as the theme. We're looking for shots of any location located within Georgetown County, along with a short paragraph about why it's your favorite place. Color and black and white photos will be accepted.

Rules and Conditions:

Georgetown County government photo contests are open to ALL photographers, except employees of the Georgetown County Administrator's Office. The contest is open to all participants. Entrants do NOT have to reside in Georgetown County. However, all photos submitted **MUST** have been taken in Georgetown County. There is no limit on the number of photos that may be entered.

What to Enter:

We are looking for striking digital images to celebrate the beauty of our county and its quality of life. Subject matter is up to the photographer, but we ask that you stick with the theme. Photo release forms must be included for people shown and identifiable in your entry. If you need a blank release form, contact jbroach@gtcounty.org. Entrants must not submit images that involve human nudity, the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, or that put any individual or animal in danger, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person. 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, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single "high dynamic range" image are acceptable. Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion. Photo captions must accompany all submissions, and should include the subject of the image, the location the image was taken, and the name of the photographer(s).

How to Enter:

All images must be submitted by email to jbroach@gtcounty.org. Images should be sent at high resolution and in .jpg format. A name and phone number of the entrant must be included in the e-mail.

Deadlines:

Entries must be received by **5:30 p.m. July 15, 2017**. Entrants may be asked to supplement their submission (such as a paragraph about their photo, the highest resolution version of their photo, or a watermark-free version of their photo) at any time. The winner selected by the judges, as well as the single people's choice winner, will be announced by **Aug. 1, 2017**. Georgetown County reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

Winners:

The judging panel will select one winning photo and up to two runners-up. A People's Choice winner will be selected by popular vote on the county's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/gtcountysc. The judge's top pick will be displayed in one of Georgetown County's public buildings and the photographer will win a \$50 gift certificate good for any Georgetown County Parks and Recreation facility, program or event, and a Georgetown County prize pack. The people's choice winner will also receive a \$50 Georgetown County Parks and Recreation gift certificate.

Your Rights:

By entering the contest, you maintain the rights to your photo, but grant Georgetown County a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:

- Use your photograph in any electronic or print materials, including but not limited to promotional and educational works.
- Use your photograph on the Internet.
- Use the photograph in communications.
- Provide your photograph to other individuals and organizations for use in county-related news stories, newsletters, reports, slide shows, displays, web pages, and the like.
- Use, in connection with the Photo Contest, your name, city and state of residence in promotions and other publications.
- Keep the files provided, and archive the images on CD or in other electronic forms, so that your photos can be used to support our mission and be properly credited.

As conditions of this permission, Georgetown County shall credit all photographs to the photographer when the full name is available.

For more information, call (843) 545-3164 or visit www.gtcounty.org