

# Texas Mushroom Festival Amateur Photography 2024 Contest Rules

- **Eligibility:** Photographers who are non-professionals are eligible. An amateur photographer is one who is not a professional and does not engage in the selling of photographs taken by said person.
- **Division:**
  - Student – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and below
  - Adult – 18 and over
- **Cost:** \$5 per entry (one form of payment is ok for all entries)
- **Contest Rules:**
  - Entries must be postmarked (Texas Mushroom Festival – Photo Contest, P.O. Box 695, Madisonville, Texas 77864) or delivered to the Madisonville drop-off location (Truman Kimbro Center at 113 W Trinity, Madisonville, Texas 77864) by 5 pm, Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - No residency restriction for contestants. Photographs must be the work of the contestant.
  - Transparencies will not be accepted.
  - No signed or dated photographs accepted.
  - Photographs must be submitted as a full 8” x 10”, unmounted, unframed and with **NO BORDER**.
  - Place a label or write on the back of your photo, in the top right corner, the following information:  
Name of Photographer – Category – Title of Photo
  - If there is doubt as to how to display – place an arrow on the back, pointing to the top of the photo.
  - Each photo entered must have a completed entry form.
  - Photographs should be suitable for family viewing and the Photography Committee reserves the right to refuse entries. Hint: Judges are NOT in favor of edited photos (Photoshop, etc.) therefore, it is not recommended.
  - Photographers present on the day of the show may pick up their photos immediately after the presentation of awards.
  - **No Photos Will Be Returned** and will be the property of the Texas Mushroom Festival Photography Committee if arrangements are not made for pick up.
  - Any violation of the contest rules will result in disqualification. **NO REFUND.**
- **Contest Format:**
  - Photography entries will be judged in a private session.
  - Grand Prize Winners will be notified prior to the show. Be sure to neatly write email address and phone number for notification.
  - Winners will be notified by email and/or phone and their photos will be posted on the Texas Mushroom Festival website.
  - Winner’s presentation will be at 3:00 PM on the day of the festival.
- **Awards:**
  - Adult Best of Show - \$200
  - Adult Best Mushroom(s) - \$100
  - Adult 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$25
  - Adult 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$15
  - Student Best of Show - \$200
  - Student Best Mushroom(s) - \$100
  - Student 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$25
  - Student 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$15

PHOTOS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE TEXAS MUSHROOM FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
IN THE TRUMAN KIMBRO CENTER

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