



2013 Photo Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility:** The contest is open to any amateur or professional photographer except Allegheny Commons Initiative employees and contest judges.
2. **Locale:** All photographs must be taken within Allegheny Commons park.
3. **Deadline:** All entries must be submitted no later than October 21st, 2013.
4. **Address & Contact – Send entries to:** Allegheny Commons Initiative c/o NSLC
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5. **Entry Forms:** Entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (available at www.alleghenycommons.org).
6. **Multiple Entries:** A maximum of five (5) entries per photographer is allowed. All entries must be listed on a single Entry Form.
7. **Categories:** Entrants should place their photos in one of these four categories: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter. The judges reserve the right to recategorize any entry.
8. **Format:** Entries must be submitted in **BOTH** print and digital formats in color or in black and white. The prints will be used for judging and for display. Photographic submissions that do not follow the requirements below may be rejected.
 - a. **Print Entries:** Prints must be 4 x 6 inches or 5 x 7 inches on photographic paper. Do not send matted, mounted or framed prints. Do not send negatives.
 - b. **Digital Entries:** **Submit digital images on compact disk or email to info@alleghenycommons.org.** Multiple images should be submitted on a single disk. Digital Images will be used for reproduction in the Allegheny Commons Calendar and possibly other printed communications. Images must be a minimum resolution of 300 DPI (dots per inch) and no smaller than 3072 x 2304 pixels or (10.24 x 7.68 inches). Images should be in RGB color format and be submitted as JPG (at high quality) or TIFF

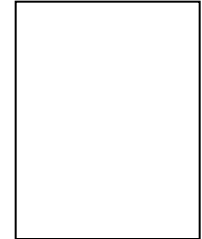
files. Do not resample small files to fit requirements, as it will compromise the quality of the image. Digital images can have minimal manipulation such as cropping and exposure adjustments, but no cutting or pasting or other advance techniques that create end products that do not reflect the scene as it appeared in reality.

- c. **Orientation:** Images must be in landscape (horizontal) orientation to fit the format of our calendar.

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Not this way:



- 9. Entry Identification:** Each photograph must be adequately identified.

- a. **Print Entries:** The photographer's name, photograph title and date must be printed on a sticky note attached to the back of each print. **Do not write directly on the print (front or back).**
- b. **Digital Entries:** The photographer's name and "Allegheny Commons 2013 Photo Contest" should be written directly on the compact disk. The file name of each image on the disk or attachment must match its entry number (i.e. "Entry1.jpg" or "Entry2.tif", etc.). Disk must contain only photographs submitted for the contest.

- 10. Model Photo Release:** Photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a model photo release form (available at www.alleghenycommons.org) signed by the subject or a parent or a legal guardian, if subject is under 18 years of age.

- 11. Judging:** Entries will be judged by the Allegheny Commons Initiative Steering Committee on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty or a unique characteristic of the park throughout the changing seasons. The winners will be announced and notified in mid-November.

- 12. Winning Photos:** The winning photographs with appropriate credit will appear in the Allegheny Commons 2014 Calendar and on the Allegheny Commons website and Facebook. Winners will also receive a complimentary copy of the calendar.

- 13. Photographer's Rights:** Each photographer will retain all rights to any photograph(s) submitted—including ownership if applicable—other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering this contest, each photographer hereby grants to Allegheny Commons Initiative (i) a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display the photographs submitted to the Allegheny Commons Initiative, and (ii) the right to use the photographer's name, city and state of residence in promotions and other publications.

- 14. Other:** Photographs, regardless of medium, will not be returned. Do not send your only copy of a photograph. Allegheny Commons Initiative is not responsible for any material lost, damaged, or misdirected in the mail.