

# The official rules of PenMet Parks Digital Photo Contest.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Digital Photo Contest ("Photo Contest") is open only to legal residents of the United States who are at least eighteen (18) years old. Trustees, Board Members, Employees, interns, as well as the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) and household members of those employees, are not eligible to enter.

## **ENTRY PERIOD**

The Photo Contest begins at 12:00am PST on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and ends at 11:59pm PST on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (the "Entry Period"). Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. PenMet Parks computer is the official time-keeping device for the Photo Contest.

## **WHAT TO ENTER**

**PenMet Parks** is committed to a future for people and nature and we want to see it through your eyes. For our 2017 Photo Contest, we'd like to know: "what does PenMet mean to you?" Is it our Camps, Leagues or Soccer Classes? Is it in the forest or the parks in your area? Are there people, animals, or the tiniest details in it? How are you involved in Recreation and Parks programs? Capture those vibrant moments and express what PenMet means to you!

To ensure eligibility for the contest, please submit files no larger than 20MB at the time of entry. Higher resolution files of at least 240 dpi/ppi will be requested should an entry be preselected to be awarded a prize or an honorable mention. 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.

Entries may originate in any format — including, but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color transparencies, color prints, or black and white prints — so long as they are submitted electronically in a .JPEG .jpg, or .png form. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single "High Dynamic Range" image are acceptable.

**Entries should include metadata if at all possible. Caption information should include:**

- **Name of location (ex: Sehmel Homestead Park)**
- **Detailed caption of subject matter**

Previously published material for which non-exclusive rights were granted may be entered as long as you still maintain the right to grant us a license (see "Your Rights" below). You must be able to disclose when and where the photo appeared previously to **PenMet Parks** upon request.

*If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to **PenMet Parks** upon request.*

The following submissions are ineligible:

- Images of captive animals photographed.
- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content.
- Images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, or damage to the environment by the photographer.
- Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.
- Images taken more than three years prior to the beginning date of the Contest (March 10, 2017).

**PenMet Parks** shall determine entry eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion.

## **HOW TO ENTER**

All images must be submitted through our [photo submission website](#), including all required fields, including name, email and other information about your photo submission. Or via Facebook and Instagram using the hashtag #PENMETSPRINGPIX

You can select an image directly from your computer desktop, or submit images from **Facebook and Instagram** for consideration in the contest. **Digital images that are sent via mail or email will not be accepted.**

You may enter an unlimited number of times, but you may not use an agency or automated system to enter. PenMet Parks reserves the right to reject any additional entries or entries that do not comply with these Official Rules. By entering, you indicate your unconditional agreement to, and acceptance of, these Official Rules and PenMet Parks decisions, which are final and binding. You cannot win a prize unless you comply with all requirements in these Official Rules.

Entrants may be asked to supplement their submission (such as with a paragraph about their photo or the highest resolution version of their photo) anytime on or after **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

## **JUDGING**

Photos will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, artistic merit and subject matter relevance to humans and nature, except that the People's Choice award will be determined based on which of the honorable mentions receives the most votes. Judging will be conducted by a panel of **PenMet Parks** employees and a group of guest judges to be selected by **PenMet Parks** at its sole discretion (the "Panel"). The Panel will evaluate all valid entries and pick the following winners in the following categories:

1. **Overall** (4 winners. 1 first prize, 1 runner-up): You've nailed it. Your images rise above the rest and encapsulate our community in a stunning way.
2. Categories:
  1. **Panel's Choice** (2 winners): Overall winner selected from all evaluated entries.
  2. **People's Choice** (2 winners): Overall winner selected from among the highest number of votes received via social media.
3. **Honorable Mentions** (50 honorable mentions will be selected): Amazing images that showcase and illustrate moments of life and its interaction with our parks and recreation.

All judging decisions are final. Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

The PenMet Parks Recreation Dept. will notify the winner via the contact information provided at the time of entry.

## **POTENTIAL WINNER REQUIREMENTS**

Except where prohibited, a potential winner may be required to complete and return an affidavit of eligibility, including proof of age, and liability/publicity release within 14 days. If a potential winner is a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian will be required to sign the documents on his/her behalf. If a potential winner fails to return these documents on time, an alternate potential winner may be selected in his/her place.

## **PRIZES**

PenMet Parks will award the following prizes.

**One (1) overall grand prize winner will receive:**

- \$100 Gift Card
- \$100 Gift certificate from PenMet Parks
- \$25 Heritage Distillery Gift Card
- Framed photo provided by WATERS EDGE GALLERY AND FRAMEY INC.
- A photo mention in **PenMet Parks** Recreation Guide.
- Placement in or on **PenMet Parks** Recreation Guide.
- Mention on PenMet Parks digital presences.

- Total Value: \$250

**One (1) Overall runner-up winner will receive:**

- \$100 Gift certificate from PenMet Parks
- PenMet Parks SWAG BAG
- A photo mention in **PenMet Parks** Recreation Guide.
- Placement in **PenMet Parks** Recreation Guide.
- Mention on PenMet Parks digital presences.
- Total Value: \$125

**Category winners for People's Choice will receive:**

**One (1) Overall grand prize winner will receive:**

- \$25 Heritage Distillery Gift Card
- Framed photo provided by WATERS EDGE GALLERY AND FRAMEY INC.
- PenMet Parks SWAG BAG
- A photo mention in **PenMet Parks** Recreation Guide.
- Mention on PenMet Parks digital presences.
- Total Value: \$15

**One (1) Overall runner-up winner will receive:**

- A photo mention in **PenMet Parks** Recreation Guide.
- Mention on PenMet Parks digital presences.
- Total Value: \$15

**50 honorable mention winners will receive:**

- Mention on PenMet Parks photo contest page

Prizes will only be shipped to an address in the United States.

All winners are responsible for paying any income taxes and any and all other costs and expenses not listed above. If the prize value equals or exceeds \$600, a winner will need to complete, sign and return an IRS W-9 form prior the award of any

prize. Any prize details not specified above will be determined by PenMet Parks, in its sole discretion. A prize may not be transferred and must be accepted as awarded. A winner may not request cash or a substitute prize; however, PenMet Parks reserves the right to substitute a prize with another prize of equal or greater value if the prize is not available for any reason, as determined by PenMet Parks, in its sole discretion.

## QUESTIONS

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to  
CCUZZETTO@PENMETPARKS.ORG

## YOUR RIGHTS

Your photographs help **PenMet Parks** help to show the diversity of people, programs and community. Thank you for helping to further our mission through your photography.

**You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit -- including ownership if applicable.**

If you submit a photograph to enter the Photo Contest, you grant **PenMet Parks** a royalty-free, nonexclusive right during the Photo Contest to:

- Display the photograph on the Photo Contest submission website
- Allow third-parties to share the photograph on the following social media platforms: Twitter, Facebook, and Pinterest.

If your photograph is formally honored by the competition as a winner or an honorable mention, you grant **PenMet Parks** a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:

- Use the photograph on the Internet and in Social Media in support of our mission.
- Use the photograph in **PenMet Parks** internal and external communications materials including but not limited to web sites and web publications, fact sheets, fund raising publications, advertising, multimedia, presentation and membership services, annual report and Recreation Guide.
- Provide your photograph to other individuals and organizations for PenMet Parks - related use in news stories, newsletters, reports, slide shows, displays, web pages, videos, membership premiums, and the like.
- Use, in connection with the Photo Contest, your name, city, state and country of residence in promotions and other publications.
- Retain a digital copy of your photograph that will be archived in PenMet Parks photo library and accessible to PenMet Parks staff via PenMet Parks internal online photo archive.

**PenMet Parks** will endeavor to credit all photographs with the caption "Person's Name" when the full name is available.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

In the event that the operation, security, or administration of the Photo Contest is impaired in any way, PenMet Parks, in its sole discretion, either: (a) suspend the Photo Contest to address the impairment and then resume the Photo Contest; or (b) award the prize(s) from among the eligible entries received up to the time of the impairment. PenMet Parks reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and seek damages from any individual who tampers with the operation of the Photo Contest, violates these Official Rules, or acts in a disruptive or unsportsmanlike manner. PenMet Parks failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. Proof of sending any communication to PenMet Parks by mail shall not be deemed proof of receipt of that communication by PenMet Parks. In the event of a dispute as to the owner of an online entry, the authorized account holder of the e-mail address used to enter will be deemed to be the owner. The Photo Contest is subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

## **RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

By entering, you agree to release and hold harmless PenMet Parks, Facebook, their respective parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents (the "Released Parties") from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Photo Contest or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) unauthorized human intervention in the Photo Contest; (b) technical errors; (c) printing errors; (d) late or undelivered mail; (e) errors in the administration of the Photo Contest; or (f) injury or damage to persons or property. You waive the right to claim any attorney's fees and any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages. (g) Terms and Conditions subject to change.

## **E-SUPPORTER**

When you enter, you will automatically become an e-supporter of **PenMet Parks**. This includes special event invitations, digital messages and a monthly e-newsletter. You may cancel and unsubscribe at any time.

## **PRIVACY AND PUBLICITY**

Any information you submit as part of the Photo Contest will be used in accordance with PenMet Parks. The information you provide when you enter is provided to PenMet Parks, not to Facebook. Except where prohibited, you consent to PenMet Parks use of your name in any list of winners (if applicable) and for promotional purposes in any media without further payment or consideration.

## **DISPUTES**

You agree that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Photo Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the

appropriate court located in Washington. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, your rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of PenMet Parks in connection with the Photo Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Washington, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of Washington or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than Washington.

## **RESULTS**

To request a winners list, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to **PenMet Parks**, Digital Photo Contest, 10123 78th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332 Requests must be received by November 1, 2017.

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Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to [ccuzzetto@penmetparks.org](mailto:ccuzzetto@penmetparks.org).