



2008-2009 Rural Character Photo Contest

M.D. of Foothills Official Photo Contest Rules and Regulations

CATEGORIES: Adult (18 and up), Youth (17 and under). The images will be judged on their depiction of the environment, economic and social elements which form the rural character of the M.D. of Foothills.

ELIGIBILITY: The Rural Character of the M.D. of Foothills Photo Contest is open to any photographer who lives in or visits the M.D.

CONTEST ENTRIES: There is no limit to the number of entries per person. Each photograph submitted must include a separate completed entry form, digital photograph in jpg format, printed copy of photograph and model release form* (where necessary).

CONTEST DEADLINE: The photo contest runs from June 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Entries must be received by the contest closing date of June 30, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

SUBMISSIONS: Entries must be submitted as a digital jpeg file burned to CD or emailed. Digital files should be at least 1500 pixels wide for a horizontal image or 1500 pixels tall for a vertical image. (a 5" x 7" photograph is 1500 pixels by 2100 pixels.) Digital photograph should be 300 dpi. A printed copy of the photograph must accompany the submission with an entry form filled out and attached to each photograph submitted. Compositional changes to digital files are not acceptable and will be disqualified; tonal or colour cast corrections are acceptable.

To be considered in the contest, all submissions must be original, unpublished photographs taken of or in the M.D. of Foothills, with approximate location indicated on map of the M.D. included on the entry form. Photograph (s) previously published in full or in part in other publications, contests etc, will be disqualified.

Submit to: M.D. of Foothills No.31, 309 Macleod Trail, Box 5605, High River, Alberta T1V 1M7, phone: (403)652-2341, fax: (403)652-7880, or email: leslie.lambert@mdfoothills.com.

NOTIFICATION: Winners will be notified by telephone and e-mail.

JUDGING: Entries will be judged on originality, overall photographic quality and their depiction of the environment, economic and social elements which form the rural character of the M.D. of Foothills. The decision of the judges is final.

RIGHTS: By signing the entry form, the photographer consents to entry of his or her submission and agrees to these Official Rules and Regulations and the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding in all matters to this contest. The photographer's signature grants the M.D. of Foothills the unrestricted rights to use the photograph(s) for any purpose. This includes, but is not limited to, publishing the photo(s) in print or electronic form for promotional use or publication by the M.D. of Foothills without further compensation, and the right to use the photographer's name as a credit along with the photograph. The photographer acknowledges that they must submit a model release form signed by all recognizable persons or the parents or legal guardians of minors appearing in the photograph(s), to be able to grant the M.D. of Foothills, the right to publish the photograph(s).

RESPONSIBILITY: The M.D. of Foothills will not be held responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, or delayed during transportation or submission electronically.

PRIZES: 3 - \$200 grand prizes, adult category : 17 - \$50 prizes for best depiction of rural character, youth category: 5 digital camera prizes for best depiction of rural character.

All entries and contest materials received become property of the contest organizers and will not be returned.

**Model release forms are written consent from recognizable people in the photograph(s). They are the responsibility of the photographer/contestant and must be included with the photograph(s). People who are not recognizable in a photograph do not need to sign a model release form.*