



2008 Native Beauty of Mesquite Photo Contest

Sponsored by Keep Mesquite Beautiful

Keep Mesquite Beautiful is proud to announce the 2008 Native Beauty of Mesquite Photo Contest. Winners of this exciting photo contest will be eligible to win prize money as detailed below. Prize money will be awarded in two categories: Youth (ages 17 and under) and Adult (ages 18 and over). The entry fee is \$5 per photo submitted. Deadline for submissions is 5:00pm, Monday June 30, 2008.

Photo Contest Rules:

- 1. Theme:** The photo contest is based on the theme: "The Native Beauty of Mesquite." **All photos submitted should showcase the natural flora and fauna of Mesquite.** Keep in mind that the City of Mesquite is a Bird Sanctuary and has received Tree City USA designation. The flora (plants) pictured should provide food (seed, nuts, berries, acorns, fruit, nectar, etc.) or shelter for migrating birds or other natural Mesquite creatures. The fauna (animals) may be birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, bugs etc. **The predominant flora or fauna, the date and the location of the photo shoot must be identified on the entry form. Pictures of pets will not be awarded prizes.**
- 2. Judging:** Photos will be judged on technical quality (sharpness, correct exposure), composition, originality, and relevance to the "Native Beauty" theme. Photos will be judged by the Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. Board of Directors. The decisions of the Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. Board of Directors are final.
- 3. Entries:** Mail your photo submission(s), fully completed entry blank(s), and a check or money order to Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. Submissions must be 35mm prints or unaltered digital photo prints. Submissions on CD will not be accepted. Submissions must be at least 4X6, but no larger than 8X10 in size. Photos should not be matted or framed. Do not mark your name or other identifier on your submissions. Each photo will be assigned a number when it arrives at KMB.
- 4. Deadline:** All entries must be received in the KMB office no later than **5:00pm on Monday, June 30, 2008.** Photos may be mailed to the following P.O. Box or dropped off to our physical location. *Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. cannot be responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged or postage-due mail.*

Mailed Entries: Keep Mesquite Beautiful
 Attn: Executive Director
 P.O. Box 850137
 Mesquite, TX 75185

Physical Location: Community Services Building
 Attn: Keep Mesquite Beautiful
 1616 North Galloway
 Mesquite, TX 75149
- 5. Fee:** Contestants may enter as many times as they wish, but must complete an entry form and pay an entry fee for **each** entry submitted. The entry fee is \$5 per photo submitted. Entry fees may be paid by check or money order made out to Keep Mesquite Beautiful.
- 6. Awards:** First, Second and Third place winners of the photo contest will collect, in total, prize money equal to the combined entry fees of all entrants for their category. Adult First Prize will win 50% of entry fee money for the Adult category. Adult Second Prize will receive 35%, and Adult Third Prize, 15%. Youth First Prize will win 50% of entry fee money for the Youth category. Youth Second Prize will receive 35%, and Youth Third Prize, 15%.
- 7. Notification:** Winners will be notified by mail and/or email. To qualify to receive a prize, winners must sign an affidavit of eligibility and release.
- 8. Eligibility:** Keep Mesquite Beautiful Board of Directors or family members are not eligible to enter.
- 9. Release:** All photos become the property of Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. By submitting an entry, you give KMB permission to use the photos in its publications, educational programs, and publicity efforts. Submitted photos may be featured in a City building and on our website. Contestants must know the names and addresses of any identifiable persons in the photos; who must also sign an affidavit of release without compensation.

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Mesquite, TX 75185-0137**

Name: _____ Category: Youth Adult

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Daytime phone number () _____

Number of entries submitted: _____ Total entry fee: _____

Title of Photograph: _____

Date and Location of photo shoot: _____

Plant(s) and/or animal(s) featured in photo: _____

Please complete a separate entry form for each photograph submitted!