



## OFFICIAL RULES

Keep Mesquite Beautiful (KMB) is proud to announce the 2020 Native Beauty of Mesquite Photo Contest. Winners of this exciting nature photography contest will be eligible to win prize money as detailed below. The entry fee is \$5 per photo submitted.

BY ENTERING THIS COMPETITION, YOU AGREE TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

### Photo Contest Rules:

- 1. Theme:** The photo contest is based on the theme: "The Native Beauty of Mesquite." **All photos submitted should showcase natural flora and/or fauna within the city limits of Mesquite.** Photos may include native and migrating animals, backyard habitats, birds, landscapes and plants, other wildlife including reptiles, amphibians, mammals, bugs, etc. and people involved in nature. Keep in Mind that Mesquite is in the Blackland Prairie Ecosystem. Photos will be judged on technical quality (sharpness, correct exposure), composition, originality, and relevance to the "Native Beauty" theme. Photos of farm animals and pets are not allowed. Judging will be by online public voting.
- 2. Entries:** **All entries must be submitted online at <https://woobox.com/nn9msm>.** Entrants must agree to these rules by checking the appropriate box. Each photo must be entered into one of the six categories (see below). Photos may be color or black and white. All photos must have complete information attached, including their subjects, dates, locations and any digital adjustments made to the image. The NBMPC opens on July 31, 2020 and the final date for submitting photos is August 31, 2020, at 11:59 pm Central Time. KMB anticipates notifying winners by early September 2020.
- 3. Categories:** Photographers must enter each image in one of the following categories. 1) Elementary School, 2) Middle School, 3) High School, 4) College, 5) Adult Resident, 6) Senior Citizen Resident (Age 60 or above) **Awards:** First Place in each category will win \$100 provided entry fees support that amount. If entry fees do not support the amount, 50% of the total entry fees received will be split amongst the winners.
- 4. Notification:** Winners will be notified by email. To qualify to receive a prize, winners must sign an affidavit of eligibility and release.
- 5. Eligibility:** Everyone is eligible with the following exceptions: Keep Mesquite Beautiful Board of Directors, KMB Employees, and photo contest judges.
- 6. 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 without compensation. 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.