



Beauty in Mesquite Photo Contest

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Photo Contest Rules:

- 1. Theme:** The photo contest is based on the theme: "Beauty in Mesquite." **All photos submitted should showcase natural areas within the city limits of Mesquite.** Keep in mind that the City of Mesquite is a Bird Sanctuary and has received Tree City USA designation. **The fauna (animals) may be birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, bugs etc. The predominant flora and/or fauna, the date and the location of the photo shoot must be identified on the entry form. Pictures of pets or farm animals will not be awarded prizes. Pictures including City of Mesquite employees while on duty are not eligible for awards.**
- 2. Judging:** Photos will be judged on technical quality (sharpness, correct exposure), composition, originality, and relevance to the "Beauty in Mesquite" theme. Photos will be judged by the Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. Board of Directors and others associated with the City of Mesquite Neighborhood Services Department. The decisions of the judges are final.

KMB will notify the winners by September 15, 2022.

- 3. Entries: All entries must be submitted in a digital format using this online form.** Entrants must agree to the rules by checking the appropriate box. Each photo must be entered into one of the six categories (see below). Photos **MUST** be in color. All photos must have complete information attached, including their subjects, dates, locations, and any digital adjustments made to the image (e.g. using Adobe Photoshop, filters).

The contest opens on July 1, 2022, and closes on August 31, 2022, at 11:59 PM.

- 4. 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).



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5. **Notification:** Winners will be notified by email. To qualify to receive a prize, winners must agree to contest Terms and Conditions.

6. **Eligibility:** Everyone is eligible with the following exceptions. Keep Mesquite Beautiful Board of Directors, resident family members of Board of Directors, any contest Judge, or resident family members of judges are not eligible to win cash prizes. They may be, however, awarded a certificate of honorable mention.

7. **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 materials, and publicity efforts without compensation. Submitted photos may be featured in a City building, on our website, social medial, or newsletters. Contestants must know the names and addresses of any identifiable persons in the photos, who must also sign an affidavit of release without compensation.