

NATURE'S BEST PANASONIC PICTURES

ENTRY GUIDELINES

EXTENDED DEADLINE! FINISH UPLOADS BY AUG. 24, 2018

You have until 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time, August 24, 2018, so finish your entries now! If one or more of your images is selected as a finalist, we will require high resolution (300ppi RGB tiffs at 18" on the longest side) files and captions for the final round of judging and reproduction in the magazine.

Nature's Best Photography and Panasonic | Lumix are proud to introduce a new international photo contest to share extraordinary imagery. The Panasonic | Lumix brand has grown exponentially over the years in quality, versatility, and leading-edge electronics. Widely known for their easy-to-use point-and-shoot cameras, Lumix is now becoming the DSLR camera of choice for many seasoned professionals. At Nature's Best, we recognize this corporate commitment to photography, and now invite you to share **YOUR IMAGES AND VIDEOS TAKEN USING LUMIX GEAR.**

Winning images will be featured in the 2019 Spring/Summer edition of NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY, in online galleries, and shared on social media. Entries will be judged on technical quality, composition, originality, and artistic merit. Open to photographers at all levels of experience: Pros, Amateurs, and Youth. One winner will be chosen to receive a new Panasonic | Lumix camera.

ENTRY FEE: FREE! *Entry fees are sponsored by Panasonic | Lumix.*

IMAGES PER ENTRY: For each contest entry, you may submit up to 25 images.

PRIZE: New model Panasonic | Lumix camera. *Provided by Nature's Best Photography.*

IMPORTANT RULES

ALL PHOTOS and VIDEOS MUST BE TAKEN WITH PANASONIC | LUMIX GEAR and accurately reflect the subject matter as it appeared in the field. Nothing should be added to an image, and aside from dust spots, nothing should be taken away. Normal processing of RAW imagefiles and minor adjustments to color and contrast are acceptable, as is cropping. HDR and focus stacking are permitted as long as all manipulation is disclosed. No watermarks or text on photos.

ENTRANTS MUST NOT infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person, Federal regulations, or private land permissions, and MUST NOT ENTER images of captive wildlife or that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer.

NOTE: Images must be of wild, non-captive species or landscapes; if lured or baited, please explain.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS ONLINE

1. **PREPARE YOUR PHOTOS:** Save **COPIES** of your original images as low-resolution JPEGs (72 ppi) no smaller than 500k and no larger than 5mb. Save and label each image file in this way: your firstname_last name_subject (keep short and separated by underscores). **Example: JohnDoe_fox.jpg**
2. **LOG-IN OR CREATE A USER ACCOUNT** on the NBP website to enter your photos and manage your entries, check or replace images, edit/update captions before the final deadline:
Login: bit.ly/nbp_login Don't have an account? bit.ly/nbp_signup
3. **USE THE “MANAGE MY ENTRY” BUTTON** at the bottom right of your account home page to get to the entry form for the current contest.
4. **UPLOAD PHOTOS** on the Online Entry Form. You will get a confirmation receipt by email with payment status and with a link to return to your entry.
5. **ENTER A JPG TO REPRESENT A VIDEO**, and enter the URL in the caption. Upload video submissions through YouTube, Vimeo, or other platforms and give us the link (and password)

After you start an account, you will see the “My Account Dashboard” account management tool found at the top right of the NBP website homepage. There you will be able to log in or out, update your contest account information, and go to lists of the contest entries associated with your account.

Photographers who have images that pass into the semifinal round of judging will be required to supply high-resolution files, RAW files if available, a complete caption, and your camera specifications before the final judging. Information on how to send high-resolution files will be provided.

Note: Images not taken on Lumix gear and not complying with contest rules will be eliminated.

QUESTIONS?

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MONDAY - FRIDAY

10:00 AM-5:00 PM EST

NATURE'S BEST
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PHOTO COMPETITION

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PANASONIC PICTURES PHOTO COMPETITION

PHOTO USE & RIGHTS

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The NBPP competition is open to ALL photographers except employees of NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY magazine. Your entry to this contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs, your name, occupation, city and state of residence to be published as selected award winners in NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY magazines, print and digital exhibitions, events, and other public venues, published on websites owned by or in alliance with NBPP as award winners, and used for promotions of the NBPP. Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs. NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY shall have the right to verify, in their sole judgment, winner eligibility.

LEGAL CONDITIONS: By entering this awards competition, you agree to certain legal conditions. By entering, participants release and hold harmless Nature's Best Publishing LLC (the Company), its respective subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents, and representatives from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the NBPP, or any prize won, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any NBPP-related activity, or participation in the NBPP.

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