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Rules and Regulations of the Shutter Bug Photo Contest 2009

Invitation

We invite all amateur photographers to send us your best invasive plant photo taken in the Okanagan-Similkameen for your chance to win our category prizes.

Invasive plants are alien species that are fast-growing and fast spreading and have undesirable or detrimental impacts on humans, animals or ecosystems. Most of these plants are tolerant of tough conditions and can displace native species and disrupt natural ecological processes. Most have been imported and do not have their natural enemies or biological control agents like beetles or fungus to keep them in check. Please ensure that your invasive plant has been indentified on any of the following websites: www.rdos.bc.ca, www.weedsbc.ca and www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this contest you must be a B.C. resident.

Contest Categories

There is a youth category for anyone 18 years or younger. The second category is for adults, over 18 years old.

How to Enter

To enter, please download an application form from www.rdos.bc.ca or pick-up a paper copy at the RDOS building at 101 Martin Street in Penticton.

Deadline

The deadline for photo submissions has been extended to October 15, 2009.

Prizes

The youth prize is a \$25.00 gift certificate for Sirius Science and Nature in Penticton. The Grand Prize for the adult category is a \$50.00 gift certificate from Canadian Tire and the Runner-up Prize in the adult category is a \$25.00 gift certificate from Canadian Tire. All prizes are non-transferrable and no cash alternative is available.

Conditions

This contest is only open to amateur photographers, which means any beginning, amateur or experienced photographers who do not receive a significant part of their income from photography.

By entering this contest you agree, that as a winner, you will allow your photograph, with name and city, to be published and used by the RDOS for promotion and education.

The submitted photograph must contain an invasive plant that grows in the Okanagan-Similkameen region.

Original photos or scanned prints must be in JPEG format and be a minimum of 200 megapixels. The digital photo file must be between 150 KB and 5 MB in size.

Entries may be colour or black and white images, but must be submitted electronically.

Photographs must be taken in the Okanagan-Similkameen and contain a location site. The photographer must ensure that no disruption or harm to the environment occurred while taking the photo.

Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization like dust removal, cropping or contrast adjustments will be disqualified.

Questions or Problems

Please contact Lisa Scott if you have further questions at info@rdos.bc.ca.

Fine Print: upon submitting a photo(s), you agree to the following:

You represent that you own all copyrights in the photograph. As a condition of submitting your photo you unconditionally and irrevocably assign all copyrights and other rights in the photograph to the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS). You acknowledge that the RDOS may at its sole discretion publish or otherwise use any photograph submitted by you. As a condition of submitting your photograph you unconditionally and irrevocably waive all claims to compensation for use of the photograph and/or any rights with respect to such use you may have under copyright law, the right to publicity, the right to privacy, the law of defamation and any other common law or statutory claims under the law of any jurisdiction. The RDOS reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.