**Photo Contest Rules**

***No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win***

**Photo Eligibility**

To enter, you must be at least 18 years of age. Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism Board members and their immediate family members are not eligible. Immediate family includes spouses, parents and children. **All photos must be taken in Hot Springs County, Wyoming.**

**Photo Formats**

Entries should be digital images in one of the following formats: jpeg or png. Please read the specific guidelines for submitting images.

**Photographer/Copyright**

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

**Logos**

Please do not have any visible logos or other trademarks in your photo. This includes clothing with legible logos, signs with visible logos etc.

**Other Information**

When possible, please include the latitude & longitude where your photo was taken. Photos with this information may be given additional consideration. If you don't have the latitude & longitude, make sure to type the location where the photo was taken.

**Photo Subject Restrictions**

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public website, used in print and social media, etc. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content. Photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a signed model release form. Model release forms must be submitted with the photographs.

**Return of Photos**

Photos, regardless of the medium, will not be returned. Please do not send your only copy of a photo.

**Ownership/Use Rights**

Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree that Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism reserves the right to edit, adapt, and publish any or all of the photos submitted and may use them in any media without attribution or compensation to the contestant. Submission of an entry gives Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism unrestricted rights to use photographs without compensation. Entries (including non-winning entries) may be selected for use on the Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism website or in other county promotional materials. If ownership of any photograph submitted to Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism is contested in any manner, Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism retains the discretion to disqualify that photograph and discontinue use of the photograph.

**How to Enter**

Digital photos may be submitted using the online entry form.  Prints may be mailed along with completed entry forms to the Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism (see further instructions below). Each entry must be accompanied by a completed contest entry form. **Entries must be received by the deadline.**

**Judging**

Entries will be judged based on creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The Hot Springs County Board of Directors will judge the entries, and all contest decisions are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

**Winners**

Judges will select a first-place winning photo which will receive a $200.00 prize and be featured on the Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism web site. Judges will also select a second place and Honorable Mention photo. Second place photos will receive a $125 prize. Honorable Mention photographers will receive $50 prize. Winners will be notified after the contest deadline by phone or email using the information on the entry form.

**Submitting Digital Images**

Digital images should be submitted using the online entry form.  Images should be formatted to at least 300 dpi and at least 1200 pixels.

**Not Permitted:**

\* No borders or frames may be added to images.
\* No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images.

**Submitting Prints**

Prints must be at least 4 x 6 inches and must be in color. Do not send negatives. Attach a label to the back of each print with your name and address. Do not write on the photo itself. Prints will not be returned.

Mail print along with entry form and any model releases to:

**Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism**

**P.O. Box 927**

**Thermopolis, WY 82443**

*Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Furthermore, Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice if factors beyond Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism’s control, including technical difficulties, disrupt or corrupt the fair or secure administration or operation of the contest. Void where prohibited. Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that they have reason to believe is not the original work of entrant or does not otherwise meet the contest rules. If a winner is disqualified or determined to be ineligible, an alternate winner will be selected using the same judging process/criteria described above. Alternate winners are subject to all requirements set forth in these Official Rules.*

*By participating in the contest, you agree to release and hold harmless Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism and its officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.*