

**5th Annual
Friends of San Pedro Valley Park
Photo Contest – 2026
Rules & Guidelines**

CONTEST BASICS

1. The contest will run from March 1 to May 1, 2026. No entries will be accepted after May 1. Submitted photos must be taken within the time frame of May 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026, allowing for coverage of all seasons.
2. Photos must be taken within San Pedro Valley Park.
3. Date, time of day, and photo description, i.e., name of plant, animal, trail location, or view description must be submitted along with each photo.
4. Only one (1) photo will be accepted in each category, and any given image may be entered in only one (1) category.

WHAT TO ENTER

1. Images in one or more of the following subject categories:
 - a. Flora
 - b. Fauna (wildlife)
 - c. Natural landscapes, trails and views
 - d. People interacting with nature
2. If people are included in a photo submission, the photographer is responsible for obtaining any necessary **releases** from the individuals depicted, as applicable, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to the Friends of San Pedro Valley Park upon request.
3. Photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization will be disqualified. Acceptable methods for standard optimization include removal of dust, cropping, and reasonable adjustments to color, sharpness, and contrast.
4. All entries must be entirely the original work of the entrant.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Images should be submitted in .jpg format, at least 2,000 pixels wide (or tall, if a vertical image), and no larger than 10 MB per image. Please submit the image at the highest possible resolution (but no larger than 300 dpi). Submissions that do not meet these guidelines will not be accepted.
2. Entries must be submitted as digital files using [this form](#).

3. A confirmation email will be sent to the entrant upon each submission.

JUDGING and AWARDS

1. Photos will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.
2. A three-person judging panel (affiliated with the Friends, and/or park officials) will select a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winner in each category.
3. Certificates plus Ribbons will be awarded to the winners.
1. Winning photos will be displayed on the Friends of San Pedro Valley Park website and announced/published in the “Valley Views” Newsletter – July-Aug, 2026 issue. By checking the appropriate box on the photo submission form, permission is given for use on the FoSPVP website.
2. In addition, winning photos will also be printed and displayed in the SPVP Visitor Center for public viewing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

By entering the contest, each photographer is accepting and agreeing to all rules, terms and conditions. The contest is open to all participants, regardless of residence or citizenship. Entrants do not need to be a member of The Friends of San Pedro Valley Park volunteer organization.