



Bernards Township Parks & Recreation

The Essence of Bernards

5th Annual Amateur Photography Competition

Township residents, Kindergarten – 12th grades and adults, are invited to submit their photos that capture the “essence” of Bernards Township. All entries will be showcased at the Township’s 21st Annual Charter Day Celebration on Saturday, May 16, 2015



How to Enter

Submissions are to be dropped off at the Parks & Recreation Department, 8:30AM – 4:30PM, Monday – Friday from March 1 – March 31. The P&R office is located at the Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ. All entries must be received by March 31st for consideration.

- Prints submitted may be no larger than 8” x 10”
- Photographs must be submitted with matt board or mounted on foam board for display (no glass or frames).
- A photography release for an entry highlighting an individual must be signed by that individual or the individual’s guardian indicating their consent for full use of this photo as well as their understanding of the contest rules.

Competition Rules

- Residents of Bernards Township are eligible to submit one entry in one of the following categories:
 - Kindergarten – 8th Grades
 - 9th – 12th Grades
 - Adult Amateur (No Professionals)
- This is an amateur competition. Professional photographers are not eligible.
- Photographs must be taken within the boundaries of Bernards Township. The photograph could be any scene, object, event or activity that occurs which captures the “essence” of Bernards.
- Photographs should be appropriate for all ages to view.
- Photographs must have been taken within the last year (March 2014 – February 2015)
- Photographs may be enhanced to compensate for technical quality and esthetics, but should not be “doctored” (e.g. adding objects that were not originally in the picture).
- Photograph must be the original work of the entrant and the entrant must be the sole owner of the copyright of such entry.
- All entries will become the property of Bernards Township and may be used in future publications, promotional materials or displays.



Awards



- A volunteer panel of judges will be comprised of Parks & Recreation Department staff and Recreation, Parks & Pathways Advisory Committee Members. Entries will be judged on photographic quality, appropriateness to theme, creativity and composition.
- All photos will be displayed at Charter Day in Westminster Hall alongside the Student Art Show. Ribbons will be presented for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Award Winning Photos and Honorable Mentions in each category. All entries may be used in Township publications and in various places such as print, TV and the Internet.

Take photos of our beautiful parks, fantastic community events or even the view of your own backyard!

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APPLICATION

Photographer Classification (check one):

- Kindergarten – 8th Grade
- 9th – 12th Grade
- Adult Amateur (No professionals)

Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

If Under 18 Years, Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Photo Title/Caption: _____

Location/Event of Photo: _____

Date Taken (Month/Year): _____

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The entry cannot defame or invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person’s personal or property rights or any other third-party rights. Bernards Township reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any entry it deems to be offensive, inappropriate, that is not keeping with the terms of these official rules. Entrant must have obtained express written consent to submit any entry that contains persons other than entrant or third-party elements not owned by the entrant and, if requested to do so, produce such written consent from appropriate parties in a form and manner acceptable to Bernards Township. If for any reason, Bernards Township does not feature any of the entries on their website, no compensation or substitution will be provided. By submitting an entry, each entrant grants Bernards Township exclusive right to use, modify, crop distribute the entry and all elements of such entry, including, without limitation, entrant’s photograph and entrant’s name. Bernards Township is not responsible for lost, garbled, damaged, incomplete, delayed or misdirected entries. If for any reason the contest is not capable of running as planned, Bernards Township reserves the right, at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest. By signing below I agree to all Competition Rules outlined above.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian)

Photo submission form must be received no later than 4:30PM on the deadline date of **March 31, 2015.**

**Bernards Township Parks & Recreation
Photograph Release**

To be used for any entries highlighting an individual, signed by that individual or the individual's guardian indicating their consent for full use of this photo as well as their understanding of the contest rules

I hereby give my permission to Bernards Township, its agents and employees, and to the photographer, my free and unlimited consent and permission to use photographs of the person named below in all forms, media and manners, without restriction as to changes or alterations, for advertising, trade, promotion, exhibition, or any other lawful purposes that have been obtained from his/her participation in programs sponsored by Bernards Township.

I waive any right to inspect or approve the photographs or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction now or in the future, whether that use I known to me or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the photographs. I understand that the name and contact information of the person will be withheld from public disclosure.

Name of Person: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian if Person is Under 18: _____

Address: _____

I hereby agree to release, defend and hold harmless Bernards Township its agents and employees, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product in whole or in part, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of photographs.

I am signing this Release of my own free will and I have not been influenced or coerced by any representative or employee of Bernards Township.

Adult Person or Parent/Guardian Signature

Date