

31ST ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST! 2025 RULES & REGULATIONS



- 1) The 2025 St. Augustine Alligator Farm Photo Contest is open to all 2025 photo pass holders (or those with 2024 passes purchased after July 31st 2024).
- 2) Ten winning photos will be selected: One photo will be judged BEST IN SHOW and be rewarded with a \$1000 cash prize and automatic renewal of Photo Pass. Nine other Honorable Mention photos will be chosen and each will receive a \$300 cash prize. In addition, three of the remaining nine winning photos will be randomly selected to also receive a free yearly Photo Pass.
- 3) The winning photos will be used in SAAF projects to educate our patrons and help bring awareness to animal conservation. A portion of any funds generated by SAAF projects which use contest photos will be used to support various conservation projects. The winning photograph will be published in the Alligator Farm's Rookery Blog, the zoo's website, and across social media platforms.
- 4) All photos must be taken at the St Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park during the 2025 season. In addition to wading bird shots, photos of zoo animals such as other birds, alligators, turtles, are highly encouraged.
- 5) Annual Photo membership holders may submit up to FIVE images. 2-day pass holders THREE.
- 6) Please submit only one downloadable entry form for all entries. This form can be found at www.alligatorfarm.com/photography.html. Photo submissions can be either mailed in or submitted digitally via Dropbox (link on website under Photo Contest).
- 7) Image entries may be color or black and white; horizontal or vertical format. Entries must be digital images: Digital photos are defined as images taken with a digital camera.
- 8) Images must be submitted in JPG format, at 1800 pixels on the longest side, 72dpi, Adobe RGB profile, and file sizes must be less than 5 MB per image. Please submit all five entries onto one disk or flash drive. High-resolution TIFF files will be required after winners are selected.
- 9) Digital adjustments may only include: slight adjustments to contrast and exposure, dodging and burning, white balance correction, and lens corrections. Dust spots that gather on the sensor may be removed, but no removal or addition of objects is permitted. Images that have been judged to be significantly modified or appear unnatural will not be considered. Generative artificial intelligence enhancement is forbidden, including sky replacement. Please do not over saturate or apply too much contrast or heavy vignettes to your images. **Judges may ask to view RAW files of winning images to confirm compliance.**
- 10) No borders or frames are permitted around images and no watermarks, signatures, date, or copyright notices on images.
- 11) Images will be judged based on originality, composition, behavior, habitat, and image quality.
- 12) All submissions of flash drives, CDs, and via Dropbox to the St Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park (SAAF) and will not be returned. SAAF may use submitted photos for advertising and/or promotion without further compensation or notice. Photo credit and Photographer's website information (if available) will appear with photo. Credit will not appear in advertising but will be applied elsewhere whenever possible. SAAF license to use submitted photos is nonexclusive; photographers retain the rights to the original files.
- 13) Deadline for entries is July 14th, 2025.
- 14) Winners will be notified by August 11th, 2025.
- 15) Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.