

2011 RIVER-TO-WELL PHOTO COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES & GUIDELINES

SPONSOR //

The 2011 River to Well Photo Competition is hosted by the 2011 River to Well Team with support and sponsorship from various business owners and merchants.

PURPOSE //

The River to Well Photo Competition uses 100% of the entry fees collected to build wells and implement clean water projects for communities that don't have a reliable and sustainable source of clean water. Our goal is to aid those facing the world water crisis, which affects almost one billion people around the planet. Together we can pool our passions, talents, and resources in photography to raise funds – providing a better quality of life for people without the luxury of clean water and ultimately lifting people out of poverty.

DIVISIONS //

- Under-14
- Student
- Amateur Non-Student
- Professional

CATEGORIES //

The following categories are meant to be used as a suggested framework to evaluate the type of photo you are submitting. The River to Well Judging Committee will pick winners by Division, not Category.

- **PEOPLE:** Individuals or groups engaged in daily life, festivals, ceremonies, etc.
- **PLACES:** Landscape, architecture, monuments, etc.
- **CULTURAL TRACES:** Still life of utilitarian objects, icons, artifacts, etc., which are unique and/or intrinsic to a particular culture
- **FLORA & FAUNA:** Plants and animals
- **BLACK & WHITE/MONOCROMATIC**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA //

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- All entries must be the original work of the contestant.
- No one entry may be submitted under multiple divisions or categories.
- No two entries from a single contestant may be of the same subject.
- There is no requirement as to when/what date the photograph was taken.

FORMAT //

- All digital entries must be submitted online at www.rivertowell.com. Digital entries must be:
 - JPEG format
 - 250 dpi or greater
 - 5mb in size or less.

If saved through Photoshop, the quality must be set to no less than 10.

All physical entries submitted must be printed on high-quality photo paper (including, but not limited to, inkjet, silver negative and conventional color processing) and must not exceed a size and shape of 10 inches in length so it may be printed and matted at the River to Well Photo Competition exhibitions if it is found to be a winning entry.. Entries must be mailed to River to Well at the PO Box listed.

***Slides, transparencies or any other media will not be accepted.*

Every contestant has the freedom to submit work in any shape as long as the photo does not exceed the requirements and limits listed above.



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ENTRY SUBMISSION & DEADLINE //

All entries must be received by **11:59 p.m. CST, FRIDAY, September 30, 2011**. Physical entries must be submitted and be accompanied by an official competition entry form and entry fee(s).

SUBMISSION FEES:

Under-14

\$5 / entry

Student / Amateur Non-Student / Professional

1 entry -- \$15

2 entries -- \$25

3 entries -- \$30

4 entries or more -- \$35 + \$5 for every additional entry over 4

All entry fees collected from the 2011 River to Well Photo Competition entries will fund the costs directly associated with the building of wells and implementation of clean water projects in the community we will be serving. In addition to the construction and maintenance, we also provide education on clean water and hygiene to the local community for a holistic implementation.

PRIZES & RECOGNITION //

Winners will be selected for First, Second and Third Place for each Division (Under-14, Student, Amateur Non-Student, Professional). A single Best in Show also will be selected for each of the four Divisions. A River to Well Photo Exhibition may be held in multiple cities featuring all the winning and honorable mention photos. Details will be posted on www.rivertowell.com as the event approaches.

Prizes of valuable consideration (such as merchandise or gift certificates) will be awarded to Best in Show selections and to other winning photographers according to the number of winners and availability of prizes. The River to Well Photo Competition Exhibition will contact and coordinate the delivery and/or pick-up of prizes after judging has concluded. If entries under any given Division are not of sufficient merit, all prizes may not be awarded, and possibly no prize will be awarded for that category.

All winners will receive an email notifying him/her of the honor, and their work will be posted in the River to Well Online Gallery.

COPYRIGHT & RELEASE //

All submissions, physical or digital, become the property of the River to Well Permanent Collection. River to Well reserves the right to use these entries for display in and promotion of the River to Well Photo Competition and/or sell the entries to raise funds for the building of the well.

Each contestant will retain copyrights to their submitted photo(s). However, by entering the competition, contestants agree that they grant River to Well royalty-free use of the images for use in public exhibitions and displays, in media releases related to the contest, and in printed and electronic publications. The contestants will be given full credit as the creator of their respective image(s) in all such displays and publications. For digital submissions that are determined to be a Best in Show, Place Winner or Honorable Mention, River to Well will create physical prints for the River to Well Photo Competition Exhibitions.

Additionally, images displayed in the River to Well Photo Exhibitions may be sold royalty-free to raise additional funding for clean water projects - 100% of photo sales go toward the direct costs of the water project ONLY, and the photographer will be notified. Multiple prints of a single image may be sold if there are multiple prospective buyers and only during the current year's competition/fundraising events. For digital submissions, River to Well will provide buyers with physical prints sourced from the original submission. For physical submissions, the photographer will be contacted for additional prints if there are multiple prospective buyers. **IMPORTANT:** River to Well will only sell images in physical print form, and will under no circumstances sell images in digital form.

Additional questions can be directed to the River to Well Team at info@rivertowell.com.



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OTHER RULES //

Members of the River to Well Photo Competition Judging Committee take no part in the planning of the River to Well Photo Competition, but possess deep study and/or experience in the art of photography. Additionally, no members of the River to Well Team serve as a River to Well Judge. Credentials on individual members of the River to Well Photo Competition, as well as a Judges Statement, can be found at www.rivertowell.com after the photo competition has closed and judging has begun.

The River to Well Photo Competition Judging Committee reserves the right to reject entries that it determines to be in contradiction to any of the official competition rules or that fail to meet the required standards. Any entries deemed distasteful, obscene or offensive by the sponsor may be rejected. In such an event, applicable entry fees will be refunded. The River to Well Judging Committee will not consider photos in any category other than that identified in the Official Entry Form for that specific entry. All entries should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified. "High Dynamic Range" images will not be accepted.

If an entry is found to be fraudulently represented, any prizes or recognition already awarded through this competition will be revoked and any applicable entry fees will be forfeited. Furthermore, the contestant will be disqualified from entry in subsequent contests hosted by the sponsor. Should such disqualification of a winning photo occur, a new winner will be declared. In the event of a dispute regarding interpretation of the rules of this competition, the decision of the River to Well Photo Competition Judging Committee shall be considered the final resolution.

Members of the River to Well Judging Committee and those engaged in planning the competition shall be ineligible to place or receive prizes. However, such individuals shall be eligible to enter in accordance with the other rules of this competition for "Honorable Mention" recognition consideration.

RESPECT FOR SUBJECT PRIVACY //

Entrants should be sensitive to the privacy of human subjects. Therefore, photographs that include people in situations where the privacy of the individuals in the photograph may appear to have been infringed upon will be ineligible for competition and display, unless such photographs are accompanied by some sort of signed model release from the subject. Such cases would include, but are not limited to, ones where the photographer appears to have intruded on the subject's seclusion or made private facts public. The River to Well Photo Competition Judging Committee shall determine the applicability of this consideration. If a winning entrant cannot provide the required release, that winning entry will be reclassified as ineligible and a new winner will be declared.

PHYSICAL ENTRY SUBMISSIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION //

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