

# 2024 Edible Earth Fest

## **Photo Contest Official Rules**

# 1. Contest Timelines and Voting

The submission period for images to be entered into the contest begins at 12am on February 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and ends at 11:59pm on March 21st, 2024.

Winners will be chosen by votes cast by general attendees in person at the Edible Earth Fest event taking place on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024. Vote casting will be conducted electronically via personal devices using a dedicated link. An onsite terminal will also be available to attendees whom wish to vote via this method.

Event will be hosted at the following location: Fort Bend Family YMCA

4433 Cartwright Rd. Missouri City, TX 77459

Winners (i.e. Overall Winner and Winners in Each Category) will be determined by total votes cast by 12pm on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

#### 2. Photo Contest Categories

Prizes will be awarded for top photos in each of the following categories:

- A. Garden & Harvest
- B. Wildlife & Animals of Missouri City
- C. Tiny Details of Nature

Each person may submit up to 4 photos per category.

# 3. Awards and Prizes

#	Prizes
Overall Winner (1)	A. Best-In-Show Rosette Award Ribbon
	B. 65 Gallon Composting Bin
Category Winners (3)	Category Winner Rosette Award Ribbon on Framed Print of Winning Photo
Category Runner-Ups (3)	Category Runner Up Rosette Award Ribbon on Framed Print of Winning Photo
Honorable Mentions	Option to have Selected Photo Printed and Mailed with HM Ribbon
*** All Winning Photos and HM Photos Will Be Published to our Event Page and/or Additional Media Outlet.	

#### 4. Eligibility

The Edible Earth Fest Photo Contest is open to any professional or amateur photographer, of any age, who has electronically submitted images with completed name and contact details, via the official submission website by the stated submission deadline. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. The contest is open to all participants regardless of residence or citizenship, so long as the laws of their jurisdiction allow participation.

Official Submission Website: <a href="https://woobox.com/qrwk25">https://woobox.com/qrwk25</a>

## 5. Registration Fees

This event to FREE for all to participate! The objective is to promote community involvement in conservation and raising awareness for preserving the beauty of our natural resources.

#### 6. Requirements and Use of Content Submitted

By entering this contest, the participant represents, acknowledges, and warrants the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the participant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy and publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest to the photograph. Any images submitted incorrectly may be subject to disqualification.

Missouri City Green (MCG) reserves the right to upload, store and share photos submitted through the contest process to its social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as its website at <a href="https://www.missouricitygreen.org">www.missouricitygreen.org</a>.

Through submission of images for this contest, the participant grants Missouri City Green (MCG) royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to photographs submitted:

- For use the in promotional materials related to its mission
- For use in the promotion of future photo contests hosted by MCG
- For use in news stories, newsletters, reports, websites, and displays related to the contest

As consideration of the foregoing permissions, Missouri City Green (MCG) shall credit all photographs with the caption "© Person's Name" when the participant's name is provided via the image submission for the contest.

#### 7. Right to Cancel or Suspend Contest

If for any reason the contest is not capable of running as planned, due to infection by computer virus, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failure, or any other cause that corrupts or affects the administration, security, integrity, fairness, or proper conduct of this contest, Missouri City Green (MCG) reserves the right to disqualify any individuals who tampers with the entry process and/or cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the contest, in whole or in part. If Missouri City Green (MCG) elects to cancel or terminate the contest, the MCG will release its rights to the submitted photographs, and will not be held responsible for any foregone prizes, awards, or other recognition.

# 8. <u>Limitation of Liability</u>

Missouri City Green (MCG) and the City of Missouri City assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or delay in operation or transmission, for any communication line failure, for any theft or destruction to contest entries, or for any unauthorized access or alteration to contest entries. Missouri City Green (MCG) and the City of Missouri City is not responsible for the failure of any entry to be received due to technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or at any website, due to human error of any kind, or any combination thereof.

## 9. Indemnification by Participants

By entering the contest, the participant releases and holds harmless the Missouri City Green (MCG) and its sponsors, affiliates, employees, directors, and officers from any and all liability of any injuries, loss or damage of any kind to persons, including death, or property damage, resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, use or misuse of any prize, participating in this contest, or participating in any prize-related activity. Participant also agrees to defend, fully indemnify, and hold completely harmless Missouri City Green (MCG) and its sponsors, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, directors, and officers from all claims by third parties without limitation.

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to  ${\underline{\sf MCGPhotoContest@gmail.com}}$  .