



## Official 2010 “My Favorite Tree” Photo Contest Entry Rules

**ENTER PHOTO CONTEST**

Trees Atlanta invites Georgia photographers to enter the “My Favorite Tree” Photography Contest. The contest will culminate in a show that will exhibit at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center from October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 through November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This show is sponsored by the Georgia Forestry Commission\* in conjunction with *Atlanta Celebrates Photography*. All entries will be accepted and displayed in the show.

Georgia photographers of all ages are invited to submit their photos in either the youth or adult categories between February 19<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Complete submissions (more details below) must be mailed to Trees Atlanta Photo Contest, 225 Chester Ave, Atlanta, GA 30316, or hand-delivered to Bethany Clark (at the same address) by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Though all entries will be featured in the show, **winners** will be selected and notified on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and will receive prizes. **Please read the following rules carefully before submitting any photos.**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** The Trees Atlanta Photography Contest is open to all Georgia residents. Trees Atlanta reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, winner eligibility. Photographers must enter their photos in one of the following divisions:

- **Adult:** Photographers 18 and older
- **Youth:** Photographers 17 or younger

**WHAT PHOTO(S) TO ENTER:** We are looking for photos of the favorite trees in your life! Submissions may include wildlife or people interacting with the tree, but remember this contest is about the **tree**. You may photograph your favorite tree with people, with wildlife, or in different seasons; you can also photograph an exceptionally beautiful tree, or a notable landscape or forest, or you can even submit a creative photo (digital manipulations are allowed). You may enter up to five (5) photos.

Photos taken within three years are eligible, and must be sized 3x3 or larger. All photos must be original images shot by the applicant. Photos may be in color, black-and-white, or sepia. Feel free to include a description of your photo (100- word limit) on a 5x7 notecard.

**DEADLINE:** The final date for submitting photos is Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Winners (more details below) will be notified on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. All photos will be displayed in a push-pin fashion from Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with *Atlanta Celebrates Photography*. An opening reception will take place Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, and this reception will be mentioned in the *Atlanta Celebrates Photography* event guide.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Download and print the entry form from the Trees Atlanta website. A complete submission is defined as a filled-out entry form, all of your printed-out photos, and your photo fee(s), all submitted at the same time. The entry fee is \$5 per photo; make checks payable to Trees Atlanta Photo Contest or pay online at [www.TreesAtlanta.org](http://www.TreesAtlanta.org). All images and payment must be received by Aug. 1, 2010. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Mail submissions to Trees Atlanta Photo Contest, 225 Chester Ave, Atlanta, GA 30316; or hand-deliver submissions to Bethany Clark at the same address, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. Trees Atlanta is not responsible for lost, damaged, late, or misdirected submissions.

**PREPARE YOUR PHOTO(S):** All photos **must be printed** no smaller than 3x3. Unmatted and unframed. All photos must have the following information written on the back: tree type (if known), photo title, photographer's first and last name, email, and phone number. Write carefully so as not to create noticeable imprints on the photo. Feel free to submit a description of your connection with the tree along with each photo (limited to 100 words each) on 5x7 notecards. All entries will be displayed by push pin.

Photos that remain with Trees Atlanta after the show will be retained by Trees Atlanta, to be used in education programming, sale for fundraising efforts, or for other purposes as determined by Trees Atlanta. Photographers will retain *ownership* of their photos and grant Trees Atlanta *permission* to use the images for the aforementioned uses. Trees Atlanta will not duplicate the photos without permission.

**Photographers, if you would like your photo(s) returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope at the time of your photo submission.** You may also pick up your photo(s) between Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> (between 9am and 5pm, Monday – Friday) after the *Atlanta Celebrates Photography Show* at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center has concluded. No photo submitted can be withdrawn before the close of the exhibit.

**JUDGING:** This contest will be judged by professional photographers David Knox and Kathryn Kolb. Photographs will be judged on originality, technical aptitude, composition, overall impact, presentation, and difficulty. All decisions by the judges will be final.

**PRIZES:** Cash prizes for First Place winners totaling \$600, and other prizes for Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention winners, will be awarded in the manner described below. Cash prizes are made possible by the entry fees; no other Trees Atlanta money is used to fund these prizes.

A winner in the adult and a youth division will be selected for First, Second, and Third Place, and Honorable Mention, totalling in eight (8) winners. The prizes will be given as follows:

1. First Place: Adult cash prize of \$500; Youth cash prize of \$100
2. Second Place: Adult and Youth prize (one each) of \$100 gift certificate to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Trees Atlanta Tree Sale held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010
3. Third Prize: Adult and Youth prize (one each) of Kathryn Kolb's Photography Book
4. Honorable Mention: Adult and Youth prize (one each) of Trees Atlanta T-shirt

Winners will be notified on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Winning photos may appear on Trees Atlanta's website, holiday cards, and future fundraising materials.

**HOW TO CONTACT US:** Questions and inquiries regarding contest rules may be emailed to [Bethany@treesatlanta.org](mailto:Bethany@treesatlanta.org). The contest entry fee covers administrative costs.



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