



# 2018 FRIENDS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

You are cordially invited to submit your best pictures to the annual Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve photography contest. This event is an opportunity for you to share your beautiful views of this very special natural area and its native wildlife.

Mail (or drop off) your photo(s), entry form, and entry fee (\$10 (US \$) per photographer) to Six Mile Slough Preserve Photo Contest, 7791 Penzance Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33966, before January 31, 2018 (contest closes at 3:30 p.m.

The contest is open to amateur photographers only (may not possess a professional photographer tax identification number for the sale of photographs).

Photos must have been taken at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve.

The contest is not open to Friends' Board members, the contest judges, or the staff of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve.

Each contestant may submit **up to three photos**. Photos may be submitted in any of the categories below:

1. Plants
2. Birds
3. Animals (except birds - including insects)
4. Youth (Age 17 and under)
5. Open (any photo that does not belong in one of the above categories – no editing restrictions)

Permitted Modifications (for categories 1-4, above)

- Red-eye removal and spot editing
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, de-speckle, or remove noise
- Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint.
- Judges reserve the right to reassign a photograph to a different category, or disqualify it.

Altered Images (Category 5)

Photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects (i.e. hand coloring, toning, bleaching, collage and photo composites, and filters applied to approximate other artistic techniques such as fresco, pen or pencil renditions, etc.).

Photos must be printed on the paper of your choice, 8" x 10" or 8" by 12". Please select a 6-character code and write it on a sticky Post It Note; attach it on the back of each of your photographs. Note each code on your entry form.

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must secure a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian and provide it to Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve upon request.

## Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve in one of the contest categories. Judging will be anonymous. The contest judges will not have access to the entry forms.

First, second, and third place will be awarded in each category.

## Miscellaneous

Award winners will be notified by February 10, 2018 and awards will be presented February 17, 2018 at a Photo Contest reception to be held at the Slough Interpretive Center. Winning photos will be displayed at the Slough Interpretive Center.

Prints will become the property of Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is not responsible for lost or damaged photos.

By entering the contest, photographers agree that Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve may display winning photos and may make and retain copies of the photographs for educational purposes and fundraising without any fee or other form of compensation.

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is designated by IRS a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, and registered as charitable organization # CH13822 in compliance with Florida Division of Consumer Services requirements.



# 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (If 17 and Under) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country (if not US)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your personal code on a post it note (or similar) and attach to the back of the photo (s) being submitted.

**Category:**

**Plants:**

Photo #1 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #2 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #3 code \_\_\_\_\_

**Birds:**

Photo #1 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #2 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #3 code \_\_\_\_\_

**Animals:**

Photo #1 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #2 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #3 code \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth:**

Photo #1 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #2 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #3 code \_\_\_\_\_

**Open:**

Photo #1 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #2 code \_\_\_\_\_ Photo #3 code \_\_\_\_\_

Send your photos (total maximum of three photos) to Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Photo Contest, 7791 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966, by January 31, 2018. Be sure to include \$10 cash or a check of \$10 (US only) made out to Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. You will be notified by February 10, 2018 if you have won or placed in the contest. Thank you for entering and good luck!

## Photo Release Form

Permission to Use Photograph in 2018 Photo Contest sponsored by Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough

I grant to Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough ("the Friends") the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the above-identified event.

I authorize the Friends, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that the Friends may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_