



# KINDERHOOK LAKE CORPORATION

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## 2024 Photo Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility** – The contest is open to any amateur or professional photographer.
2. **Locale** – All images must be taken within the Kinderhook Lake area.
3. **Deadline** – All entries must be received no later than **October 12, 2024**.
4. **Address & Contact** – Send entries or questions to [klphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:klphotocontest@gmail.com).
5. **Entry Forms** – Entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (available at [kinderhooklakecorp.org](http://kinderhooklakecorp.org)). All images must be listed on a single Entry Form.
6. **Number of Images Allowed** – A maximum of three (3) images per photographer is allowed.
7. **Categories** – Entrants must place their images in one of the five categories listed below. The judges reserve the right to recategorize any entry.

Category	What to Photograph...
Wildlife	Birds, Fish, Deer, etc.
Lakescape	Shorelines, Reflections, Water Views
Sunrise or Sunset	Beautiful Sunrises or Sunsets
Lake Fun	On-Water Activities or Sponsored Events

8. **Enhancing Images** – While you may crop or perform color correction on your images, the judging team discourages over-amplifying the color. We are looking for images that reflect the scene as it appeared in reality.
9. **Entry Identification** – Each image must be identified. The photographer's name and entry number must be used in the file name of each image (e.g. MarySmith\_Entry1, MarySmith\_Entry 2, MarySmith\_Entry3).

**10. Image Resolution/Orientation** – High quality photos make all the difference! The winning calendar photos may be printed in an 8.5 × 11-inch format, so the quality of the image is very important. Photo submissions **MUST** meet the following requirements in order to be considered.

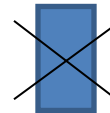
Images may be in color or black and white. All photo submissions must be **digital in a JPEG (.jpg) file format and at least 2,048 pixels wide**. Generally, a 3.1 MP or higher camera (along with most smartphone cameras) should meet these requirements.

Photos *must be* in landscape orientation (horizontal and rectangular shaped) to fit the format of our calendar. No panoramic images, please.

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- 11. Submission Requirements** – Submissions that do not follow these requirements may be rejected. A completed entry form should be attached to an email with up to three images per photographer. Three separate emails may be needed if image files are too large. If additional emails are needed, the entry only needs to be attached to one email. All emailed entries will receive a confirmation email after the images have been matched to the completed entry form.
- 12. Releases** – Releases will be required if your photo is selected for the 2025 calendar. Images containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a model release form (available at [kinderhooklakecorp.org](http://kinderhooklakecorp.org)) signed by the subject or a parent or legal guardian, if the subject is under 18 years of age. Images focused on someone's property, such as a home or pet, must be accompanied by a property release form (available at [kinderhooklakecorp.org](http://kinderhooklakecorp.org)) and signed by the property owner.
- 13. Judging** – Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of Kinderhook Lake in one of the contest categories. A panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. Winners will be selected in each of the five categories identified above. Winners will be announced no later than **November 1, 2024**.
- 14. Winning Photos** – The winning images with appropriate credit will appear on the Kinderhook Lake Corporation 2025 Calendar and may appear on the Kinderhook Lake Corporation website and/or Facebook page. Winners will also receive a copy of the calendar featuring their photograph.
- 15. Photographer's Rights** – Each photographer will retain all rights to any image submitted, including ownership if applicable, other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering the contest, each photographer hereby grants to the Kinderhook Lake Corporation a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, use, trade, or publicly display the images submitted to the Kinderhook Lake Corporation.