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2027 KLC Calendar 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 15, 2026**.
4. **Address & Contact** – Send entries or questions to klphotocontest@gmail.com.
5. **Entry Forms** – Entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (available at www.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 four categories listed below. The judges reserve the right to re categorize any entry.

CATEGORY	EXAMPLES
Wildlife	Birds, Fish, Deer, Etc.
Lakescape	Shoreline, Reflections, Waterview
Sunrise or Sunsets	Beautiful sunrises or sunsets
Lake Fun	On-Water Activities or Sponsored Events

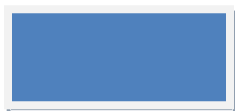
8. **Enhancing Images** – While you may crop or perform color correction on your images, the judging team discourages over-amplifying the color. We are looking for images that reflect the scene as it appeared.
9. **Entry Identification** – Each image must be identified. The photographer's name and entry 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.

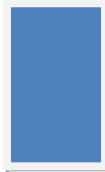
Images may be in color or black and white. All photo submissions must be digital in a **JPEG (.jpg) file format and at least 2,048 pixels wide**. Generally, a 3.1 MP or higher camera (along with most smartphone cameras) should meet these requirements.

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

Like this:



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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** – Images containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a model release form (available at www.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 www.kinderhooklakecorp.org/) and signed by the property owner.
13. **Judging** – Entries will be judged on 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 01, 2026**.
14. **Winning Photos** – The winning images with appropriate credit will appear on the Kinderhook Lake Corporation 2027 Calendar and on the Kinderhook Lake Corporation website. Winners will also receive a free 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.