

Get your cameras ready and prepare to use The Great Outdoors as your backdrop.

The third annual Lehigh Valley Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza Photography Contest sponsored by Cabela's will be judged **August 27 & 28** at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual outdoors show once again being held at the Kempton Fairgrounds.

"The photo contest theme this year is 'What A Wonderful World'," explained Jeannie Carl, the coordinator for the photography contest. "We're just trying to inspire photographers to get out there and take a long look at their world. The photos can be a sunrise, a sunset, a child playing in a puddle, a dog, whatever. We just want photographers to get a sense of what's around them and connect with it."

The contest features three categories: Wildlife; Macro; and Landscape, and people can be in the landscape to make the shot more interesting.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 19, and entries **can** be dropped off at the Carbon County Environmental Education Center in Summit Hill; Bob's Taxidermy, 4642 Kernsville Road, Orefield; or Weaknecht's Archery, 159 Kutz Mill Road, Kutztown.

Anyone who cannot make the deadline can drop photos off Saturday morning at the show.

Photo entry forms are available on the show website at [www.lvhfe.com](http://www.lvhfe.com) by clicking on the Photography Contest link on the left side of the screen.

Entry fee is \$5 per submission with a limit of three entries per photographer, and the photographs may be sold by the owner following the show. All entries must be ready for hanging, have no sharp edges and not be flimsy. The entry form must be securely affixed to the back of each photo.

The contest will be judged by the public with ballots available at the contest site. Winners will be notified of their prizes at the conclusion of the show, and may pick up or sell their photos after 1 p.m. Sunday, **Aug. 28**, or make arrangements to pick them up at the drop off locations.

Carl said that budding photographers should also attend this year's LVHFE show with a camera or good photo-capable cell phone and a photographer's eye. Next year's contest will be based on photos taken at this year's LVHFE.

If you have any questions about the contest, contact Jeannie Carl at 570-325-4336.

Admission to the LVHFE is \$5 for adults, \$1 for ages 8-12 and kids under 8 are admitted free of charge. For complete information on the show, go online to [www.lvhfe.com](http://www.lvhfe.com) or to its Facebook page at Lehigh Valley Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza.

The Kempton Fairgrounds is located at 83 Community Drive, Kempton. Pa. To get there, take Exit 40 off I-78 at Krumsville. Travel five miles on 737 North to the town of Kempton. Go through town to signs for the Fairgrounds.

For more information on the LVHFE, contact Bob Danenhowe at 610-398-7609, or Rick Weaknecht or Nathan Hertzog at 610-683-7405. Organizations with any positive connection to the outdoors are encouraged to inquire about setting up a booth space.