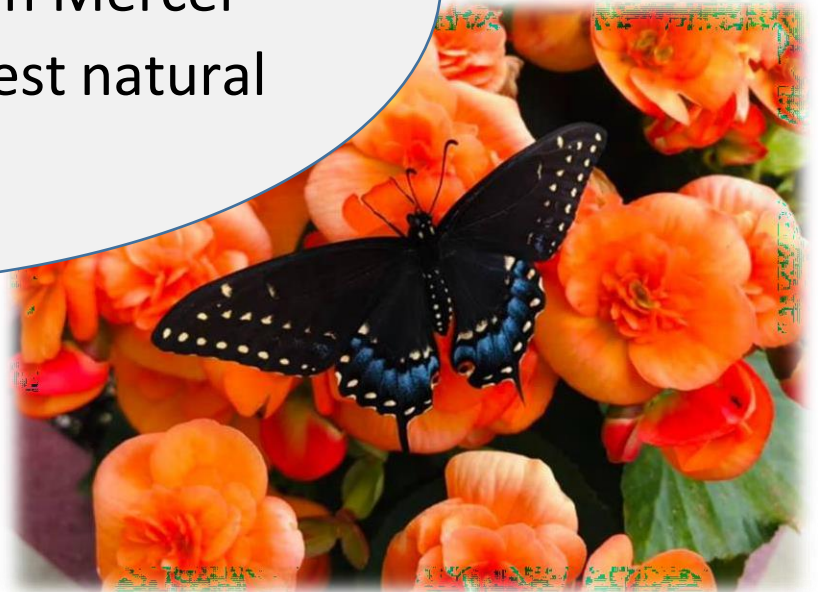




**Mercer County Conservation District
Photo Contest Rules & Entry Forms**
All photos must be taken in Mercer
County highlighting our finest natural
resources.



MCCD Photo Contest

Objective: To highlight the natural resources and natural beauty of Mercer County through a cooperative effort with residents and visitors to our great county. We invite you to showcase what you feel are Mercer County's finest natural resources through photography.

Community Benefit: Money raised through this effort will support the Ross Paulenich Memorial Conservation Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Mercer County high school senior that plans on majoring in Environmental Science, Agriculture, Biology, Engineering, or Conservation Studies.

We are currently accepting photos for the 2022/2023 photo contest until November 15, 2023. All photos must be taken in Mercer County between October 2022 and October 2023. See rules and entry form for additional details.

All entries can be mailed or personally delivered to the Mercer County Conservation District office.

24 Avalon Court, Suite 300
Mercer, PA 16137

Judging will be done by the MCCD Photo Judging Panel.

Mercer County Conservation District Photo Contest 2022-2023

Official Contest Rules:

1. Photograph must display a natural resource of Mercer County.
2. Natural resources may include, but not necessarily be limited to trees, flowers, woodlands, streams, rivers, farms, conservation practices, wildlife, and similar themes.
3. Images must be of the true settings and subjects. Altered or photo-shopped photos will not be accepted.
4. Digital photos may be enhanced. The use of filters, polarizers, etc. are acceptable for both film and digital. A digital copy may be requested at a later date.
5. Photo size: 8" x 10". Landscape or portrait orientation.
6. Photos may be submitted with or without borders (up to 1" max. on all sides) in addition to photo. Border color, if used, must be white.
7. Place name, phone number, location and name of photo or subject on the back. Entry form must also accompany photos.
8. Photos may be black and white or in color.
9. Photos will become the property of the Mercer County Conservation District. They may be used for public exhibition or filed for future use.
10. If displayed, name (for credit) of photographer will accompany the photo.
11. **Photos must be taken between October 2022 and October 2023.**
12. Entry fee of \$10 per photo. Limit of **five submissions per contestant** will be accepted.
13. Chose a category for each submission:
 - a. Animal
 - b. Water
 - c. Plants
 - d. Landscape
14. Prize Money:
 - a. 1st Place: \$ 100.00
 - b. 2nd Place: \$ 75.00
 - c. 3rd Place: \$ 50.00
15. Submissions will be accepted until **November 15, 2023**. Entries received after this date will be returned. MCCD accepts no liability for content of photos submitted.

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Please Submit Entries to:
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**2022-2023 Mercer County Conservation District
Scholarship Fund Photo Contest**

Entry Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address (Optional): _____

Number of photos accompanying submission: _____

Photo 1 Name: _____

Location: _____

Category (Choose One):

Animal: _____ Water: _____ Plants: _____ Landscape: _____

Photo 2 Name: _____

Location: _____

Category (Choose One):

Animal: _____ Water: _____ Plants: _____ Landscape: _____

Photo 3 Name: _____

Location: _____

Category (Choose One):

Animal: _____ Water: _____ Plants: _____ Landscape: _____

Photo 4 Name: _____

Location: _____

Category (Choose One):

Animal: _____ Water: _____ Plants: _____ Landscape: _____

Photo 5 Name: _____

Location: _____

Category (Choose One):

Animal: _____ Water: _____ Plants: _____ Landscape: _____