Pagosa Springs Photography Club

2025 Digital Photo Contest Guidelines

Open to all PSPC members in good standing (Dues may be paid at time of contest entry).

Entries must be submitted by **September 10, 2025**.

Awards on Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 PM

Categories: Landscape, People, Nature, Creative.

> **Landscape**–scenery is the main subject; may include city-scapes or night-scapes

> **People**–such as sports/action, candid, portrait, wedding, street, photojournalism

> **Nature**–such as flowers, wildlife, pets, domestic or farm animals, birds, insects

> **Creative**–an OBVIOUS DEPARTURE FROM REALITY, such as a photo painting or abstract photo. The image should begin as a photo taken with a camera.

Entries: Up to **six** images per member, with no more than **two** in any one category.

Fees: For 2025, the entry fee remains $10, independent of the number of images entered. Fees will be used to offset the cash awards.

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by September 10, 2025.

Submission: Upload your images and entry form to our Dropbox link at https://bit.ly/2tfKW6P (**preferred**) or on a flash drive. If using a flash drive, please put your name on the drive, and bring it to the August 13 or September 10 PSPC meeting, OR drop it off at Art & Framing Center, next to City Market. Please do *not* ask the employees at Art & Framing Center for advice about your entries! Your flash drives will be returned after the contest. We will contact you to arrange the return.

Format: JPG, *minimum* 2048 pixels on the longest side, maximum 10 MB per image. *Best practice to ensure fair judging it to NOT watermark your images.*

File Names: Use a descriptive title, like "pagosa-sunrise", not just "img3256". Please add a 3 letter prefix indicating the category for each file as in the following examples:

Landscape: LAN-pagosa-sunrise.jpg

People: PPL-pagosa-person.jpg

Nature: NAT-pagosa-critter.jpg

Creative: CRT-pagosa-abstract.jpg

If submitting via Dropbox, scan or photograph the completed entry form and upload it along with your images. If taking a photo of the form (e.g. with your phone), please make sure the image of the entry form is legible.

If delivering your images on a flash drive, bring a hard copy of the entry form with it, and also include a scan of the entry form on the flash drive.

Judging Criteria:

Judges will give each entry a score of from 0 to 10 points. Images will be awarded a point value using the following scale as a guide:

10 – 9 Excellent

8 – 7 Above average

6 – 5 Average

4 – 3 Below average

2 – 1 Poor

0   Rejected, *to be used only if the entry does not conform to the assigned category*.

When assigning scores, judges are requested to consider the **composition, impact, and technical quality** of the images. In case of a tie in the numerical scores, judges may use their subjective judgement to rank the top 3 images.

Awards: We anticipate cash awards of $25 for first place, $15 for 2nd, and $10 for 3rd