



### **Summer 2019 Photo Contest**

Deadline: July 26, 2019

**The 2019 Summer Photo Contest is here!** I want to see your favorite photos that show why Santa Clara County is the #1 place to be in the summer. I will frame and proudly display the winning photos in my office. Grab your camera and show us your favorite images of landscape, farmers markets, parades, county parks, neighborhood BBQs, pets, and other fun images of summer before July 26, 2019. Simply email your photo to [photocontest@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:photocontest@bos.sccgov.org) along with your name, address, and where you took the photo. One per person please.

### **2019 Official Photo Contest Rules**

#### **Deadline**

Photos must be received before 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2019 and should be emailed to: [photocontest@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:photocontest@bos.sccgov.org)

#### **Number of Entries**

Only one image per applicant may be entered, and judged.

#### **Photo and Photographer Eligibility**

Anyone may enter a photo in the contest. All ages are welcome. Residency in District 1 is not required. Employees of Santa Clara County are permitted to enter the contest. Photos must be in color and taken in Santa Clara County, within the last year.

#### **Photo Formats**

Entries may be digital color images. Black and white images are not eligible. Photos should be no smaller than 450 by 338 pixels but under 2MB in file size. Images should be submitted in JPG (at high quality) or TIFF format. For framing purposes, images should conform to a printed size of 8 x 10. No panoramas please.

#### **Image Modifications:**

Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified. Images must be in natural color. Black and white, sepia tone, and duotone images are not eligible.

#### **Not Permitted:**

- No borders or frames may be added to images.
- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- Artistic filters are not permitted.

**Permitted Modifications:**

- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the 8 x 10 rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained.
- Red-eye removal and spot editing.
- One-step enhancement (such as "AutoFix", "QuickFix", "Auto Levels", etc.)
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
- Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance, and tint.

**Photographer/Copyright**

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

**Photo Subject Restrictions**

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public government website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered.

**Ownership/Use Rights**

Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph displayed on the Santa Clara County District 1 website, newsletter and in the office without any fee or other form of compensation. Applicants agree that winning and non-winning photos may be displayed publicly. Entries (including non-winning entries) may be selected for display elsewhere. Entries will never be used in any manner for paid advertising or sale.

**Judging**

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of Santa Clara County. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

**Winners**

Three winning photos will be selected. Winners will be notified approximately 2-3 weeks after the contest deadline. Winning photographs, along with the photographer's name, and information about the photo, will be displayed on the Santa Clara County District 1 website. No financial compensation is provided to winners.