

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **STEELE CREEK PARK WILDLIFE WEEKEND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ANNOUNCED**

Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park (FSCNCP) will again be sponsoring an amateur photography contest and show. The event will be held in conjunction with the annual Wildlife Weekend celebration at Steele Creek Park. Amateur photographers of all ages, including children and teens, are encouraged to participate. Eligible photographs must be taken at Steele Creek Park in Bristol, Tennessee and be focused on the natural aspects of the park. Prizes will be awarded, based on the general interest, creativity, and technical merits of the photographs. Professional and/or experienced amateur photographers from the Bristol area will serve on the panel of judges. All entries will be displayed at the Wildlife Weekend celebration, scheduled for October 14 – 15, 2011 at Steele Creek Park. This annual event features a variety of speakers, interpretive walks, and other activities relating to the natural history of the park and the region.

According to Sonie Schermer, President of the Friends organization, "Friends Photography Contest and Show is a very popular event at Wildlife Weekend. We receive entries of photos of our beautiful park from photographers in the surrounding areas, of all ages, from youngest to oldest, and at all ability levels. This year we welcome the entries from the Kids Photo Camps offered at the Park this summer. The Park offers a diversity of subject areas to spark each individual's interest. We have a permanent display of previous entries at the Park and at Slater Center. Please help spotlight the beauty of our green gem, Steele Creek Park, by taking images that will make her shine."

FSCNCP is a nonprofit, volunteer organization whose primary purposes are to assist the Nature Center staff in educational, recreational, and research activities, to assist with the development and maintenance of park trails, gardens and facilities, and to preserve and protect the natural areas of Steele Creek Park.

The deadline for submitting photographs is Friday, September 30, 2011. Rules and application forms are available at the Steele Creek Park Nature Center, the Bristol Tennessee Department of Parks and Recreation at the Slater Center on McDowell St., and Mountain Sports Ltd. on Commonwealth Avenue. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Friends website at <http://www.friendsofstelecreek.org>, or may be requested by e-mail from [mail@friendsofstelecreek.org](mailto:mail@friendsofstelecreek.org). For more information on the event please contact Mr. Robin Feierabend, Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park at 423-764-3336 or [mail@friendsofstelecreek.org](mailto:mail@friendsofstelecreek.org)

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