

**6TH ANNUAL MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**
Deadline: October 31, 2016
CONTEST RULES & PHOTO RELEASE AGREEMENT

WHO MAY ENTER

Amateur and professional photographers, except contest judges and employees of Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and Great Outdoor Provision Co. and their immediate families (children, siblings and spouses).

CATEGORIES

Photos will be judged in two categories:

1. View from the Trail
2. People on the Trail

DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting photos is 11:59pm on Monday, October 31, 2016. All entries must be uploaded by that time.

WHAT TO ENTER

- A photographer may enter up to two images per category. (See categories above.)
- An image may be entered in only one category.
- Any entrants 17 years or under on October 31, 2016 must have parental consent.
- Entrants must hold all rights to photographs they submit.
- All photographs must:
 1. have been taken on the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.
 2. be submitted electronically. To submit your photographs go to www.ncmst.org/get-involved/photo-contest/ and follow the instructions.
 3. be unaltered beyond standard optimization (cropping, adjustment to color and contrast, etc.)
 4. not exceed 2MB
 5. be in jpeg format.
 6. have image resolution of 10 inches on the long side at 200 dpi.
 7. not contain added text or data that appear on the image visually. Metadata embedded into the photograph's file is allowed as long as it does not appear on the image.

HOW TO ENTER

To enter, go to www.ncmst.org/get-involved/photo-contest/ and follow the instructions for entering photos.

PRIZES

- **First Place**, all categories: \$150 cash prize
- **Second Place**, all categories: \$75 gift card from Great Outdoor Provision Co.
- **Third Place**, all categories: \$50 gift card from Great Outdoor Provision Co.
- **Honorable mentions given at judges' discretion**, \$25 gift card from Great Outdoor Provision Co.

PHOTO RELEASE AGREEMENT

Youth Photographers: "By submitting the attached photographs to this contest, I hereby grant Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Inc. ("Friends") and its agents and other persons as Friends may designate from time to time, the unrestricted, royalty-free, perpetual right to use, reproduce, communicate, modify and display the photos (in whole or in part) in any medium and for any purpose, without further notification or permission and without any fee or other compensation, for the promotion and benefit of Friends, including use of the photos in creating merchandise for sale, the proceeds of which shall go to support Friends and the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. I certify that each person in the photos submitted has consented to having their photo taken and submitted for these purposes. I certify that I am the parent or guardian of the Youth Photographer submitting these photos and have the right to execute this Release on his or her behalf."

Adult Photographers: "By submitting my photographs to this contest, I hereby grant Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Inc. ("Friends") and its agents and other persons as Friends may designate from time to time, the unrestricted, royalty-free, perpetual right to use, reproduce, communicate, modify and display the photos (in whole or in part) in any medium and for any purpose, without further notification or permission and without any fee or other compensation, for the promotion and benefit of Friends, including use of the photos in creating merchandise for sale, the proceeds of which shall go to support Friends and the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. I certify that each person in the photos submitted has consented to having their photo taken and submitted for these purposes. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older, and have the right and capacity to enter into this Release."

JUDGING

- The judging panel will select winning photos and their decisions will be announced no later than November 30, 2016. Winners will be notified by e-mail and/or phone.
- Images will be judged on creative composition, good use of lighting, and an approach that reveals the character of the trail and the people along the trail.
- The three judges are professional and amateur photographers with a passion for the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. Their decisions are final.

CONTEST ORGANIZER

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