

Calling all amateur photographers between the ages of 8 to 18 or grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>!

Roll up your sleeves  
Step into the outdoors  
and say  
"creeks!"

# 2010 Sacramento County Creeks

## Photo Calendar Contest

The Sacramento County Department of Water Resources is pleased to announce the 2010 Sacramento County Creeks Calendar Contest! Grab your camera, and put your camera talents to good use! We're looking for scenic photos of creeks that capture the natural beauty and life found in our Sacramento County creeks and rivers throughout all four seasons! Photos for the 2010 calendar contest will be selected from **now until October 9, 2009**. Winning entries will be published in the *2010 Sacramento County Creeks Calendar*, which will feature 13 photos (including a photo for the cover), showcasing our treasured creeks for each month.

The winners of selected photos will be credited in the calendar and will receive a beautiful framed photo of the winner's entry, a screen saver featuring all winning photos, and copies of the calendar. Plus, we will give out calendars to hundreds of schools in Sacramento that will feature your winning photos!

### How to Enter:

There are 2 ways you can submit your photos for the contest:

- By mail: Download the entry form at [www.sactostormwater.org/creekcontest](http://www.sactostormwater.org/creekcontest). Fill in the form and mail it along with the digital file(s) on a CD and send the form and CD to:

Attn: Jeanette Watson  
County of Sacramento Department of Water Resources  
827 7th St., Room 301  
Sacramento, CA 95814

- Online: Complete the online entry form and submit your digital file on [www.sactostormwater.org/creekcontest](http://www.sactostormwater.org/creekcontest). Please make sure to follow the digital format requirements under "Contest Rules and Guidelines"

### Deadline:

All photos must be submitted by **October 9, 2009**. We will notify winners by October 23, 2009.

### For more information:

Contact Jeanette Watson at (916) 874-4711 or [watsonj@saccounty.net](mailto:watsonj@saccounty.net)



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## Contest Rules and Guidelines:

- Entrants must be a Sacramento County resident and between the ages of 8 to 18 or grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>
- You can enter up to two photos from the categories below. Please submit only one photo from each category.
  - a) scenic views of a Sacramento County creek or river
  - b) animals or critters that live in or around a Sacramento County creek or river.
- Entrants must submit their own original photographs
- Photos with FACES will NOT be accepted.
- All entries must have a title and description about the photo (no more than 20 words).
- Photos must be taken within the past 2 years.
- Include the name of the creek or river (please provide the nearest street intersection as well)
- Submittals must be full-color, JPG images. Use a camera with at least 4 Megapixels.
- Incomplete entries may be disqualified from the contest.
- Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. Sacramento County Department of Water Resources retains the right to reproduce the winning photographs in related publications, promotions, and on the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources website. Submitted photos will not be returned.

## Safety Guidelines

For your safety, please use the following safety guidelines if your project involves being outdoors.

- Have an adult supervise the activity.
- Never perform activities alone. It's fun to work with partners and is much safer.
- Do not perform the activity in heavy rain or if a storm is expected.
- Let someone else know where you are, when you intend to return, and what to do if you don't come back at the appointed time.
- Never enter private property without the permission of the landowner.
- Do not walk on steep, slippery or unstable stream banks. Streams and rivers can be dangerous due to cold water, strong currents, and obstructions.
- Do not walk into streams or rivers. Stream and river bottoms are slippery, can contain deep pools or sink holes, and can also have sensitive habitats that should not be disturbed.
- Do not touch or eat any plants you see while on the activity. Be cautious of poison ivy and other poisonous plants. Also be aware of plants with thorns such as blackberry bushes.
- Wear boots or other closed-toed shoes, long pants, and shirts during the activity.
- Watch for bees and other insects that may bite or sting.
- Wildlife should be observed but not disturbed. Watch for animals that can pose a danger to humans such as coyotes, deer, dogs, and snakes.

*Project activities funded by this grant are strictly voluntary. The County of Sacramento is not responsible to participants or others for any injuries, damages, or loss of property.*



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