Pulaski County Tribe Photography Contest Rules

Theme: "Embrace the Pace Pulaski County" Showcase life in Pulaski County through its landscapes, townscapes, community life, family, work, play, and events.

1. Eligibility

- The contest is open to all photographers, regardless of residency.
- Judges and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter.
- Photos must have been taken in Pulaski County, Indiana, between 2020 and 2025.

2. Categories

Participants may enter one of the following categories:

- Landscape & Nature: Highlight Pulaski County's natural beauty.
- **Community Life**: Showcase family, work, play, and events.
- Architecture & Townscapes: Pulaski County's buildings, streets, and town highlights.

Skill Levels:

- Youth: Under 18 years old.
- Adult Amateur: Hobby photographers.
- Adult Professional: Individuals earning income from photography or with a professional portfolio.

3. Submission Guidelines

- Deadline: Submissions must be received by April 30, 2025, at midnight EST.
- Submission Process:
 - Complete the following online form: <u>PCT Photography Contest Submission Form</u> (www.pulaskicountytribe.com/photocontest)
 - Upload photo files via the provided link after submitting the form.
- File Requirements:
 - Accepted formats: JPEG (.jpg) or PNG (.png).
 - Minimum file size: 2MB.
 - Maximum file size: 10MB.
 - Resolution: 300 dpi or higher.

- File Naming Convention: Files must be named in this format: Firstname_Lastname_Category_Title.jpg.
- Each participant may submit up to three photos total, with only one photo per category.
- Photos must be original and taken by the participant.
- Photos containing inappropriate content (e.g., explicit, violent, or hateful imagery) will not be accepted.
- Model release forms are required for photos containing identifiable individuals (<u>Model</u> <u>Release Form</u>).

4. Judging

- A panel of three judges will evaluate photos based on:
 - Adherence to Theme (30%)
 - Creativity & Originality (25%)
 - Technical Skill (25%)
 - Emotional Impact (20%)
- Judges' decisions are final. There will be no ties.

5. Prizes by Photo Category

• Landscape & Nature:

- Youth: \$75
- Amateur Adult: \$150
- Professional Adult: \$300
- Community Life:
 - Youth: \$75
 - Amateur Adult: \$150
 - Professional Adult: \$300
- Architecture & Townscapes:
 - Youth: \$75
 - Amateur Adult: \$150
 - Professional Adult: \$300

6. Photo Use and Copyright

- Photographers retain copyright ownership of their submissions.
- By entering the contest, participants grant Pulaski County Tribe (PCT) a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use, reproduce, and distribute submitted photos for

promotional, fundraising, and marketing purposes, with credit to the photographer when possible.

• Credit will appear as "Photo by [Full Name]" where space permits. Some promotional uses may not include credit.

7. Announcement and Display

- Winners will be announced on **June 14, 2025**, at a public event, as well as on PCT's website, social media channels, and press releases.
- Winning photos and 7 additional entries per category will be featured in a rotating mobile display throughout Pulaski County in 2025.

8. Disqualification

Entries may be disqualified for:

- Failing to meet eligibility or submission guidelines.
- Submitting photos with inappropriate content (e.g., explicit, violent, or hateful imagery).
- Using AI-generated or significantly altered photos.

9. General Terms

- Pulaski County Tribe is not responsible for submission errors, file upload issues, or disputes regarding photo ownership.
- By participating, contestants agree to abide by these rules and grant PCT the rights outlined above.

10. Contact Information

For questions, email <u>pulaskicountytribe@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>www.pulaskicountytribe.com</u>.