

## The “What’s Right, Right Here!” Photo Contest

*The goal of this Photo Contest is to challenge, excite, and to inspire the people of this area to search out the positives in their community (including Granite City, Madison, Venice, Pontoon Beach and Mitchell) and to record them in photos.*

Pictures will appear in the “Did You Know” an email news letter that is sent to over 800 businesses weekly, some pictures will be appearing on the Chamber website, on the monitors at the 2011 Annual Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> and at the “What’s Right, Right Here!” Luncheon, date TBA. The winners of each category will be announced and recognized at the” What’s Right, Right Here!” Luncheon. The first place winners in each category will receive the prize of \$50.00

### **Rules:**

#### **Who qualifies to enter in the photo competition?**

Anyone may participate in the photo contest. Eligibility includes both amateur and professional photographers of any age. The”What’s Right, Right Here!” photo contest is open to everyone.

#### **How many pictures can you submit?**

- There is a limit of ten (10) photographs that may be submitted, per person.
- Each picture requires a caption of 15 words or less that begins with, “What’s Right, Right Here is...”
- Pictures must be emailed to the Chamber to [chamber@chamberswmadisoncounty.com](mailto:chamber@chamberswmadisoncounty.com) and must include - Photographers name/ business /phone numbers / email address if available.
- This is a free contest. There is no submission fee.

#### **What are the categories?**

1. Business in Action
2. Community Spirit
3. Education and Educating
4. Family, Friends and Fun
5. Healthcare from A to Z
6. Industry At Work
7. Our GREAT Location, Location, Location
8. Recreation – Anytime, Any Place
9. All Modes of Transportation on the Move
10. Nature’s Bounty and Beauty

***The Chamber reserves the right to remove categories or disqualify photographs without notification.***

### **Are there any legal considerations?**

- Submitting images that clearly identify a person must have that person's prior agreement. You are required to read and agree with our legal disclaimer before submitting any photo.
- You must read and sign the disclaimer on page three of this document, then return to the Chamber via email [chamber@chamberswmadisoncounty.com](mailto:chamber@chamberswmadisoncounty.com) or by fax 618. 876.6448.
- All pictures must be submitted by the actual photographer. You are not allowed to submit other people's work.
- Your entry in the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs to be published on the Chamber's website: [www.chamberswmadisoncounty.com](http://www.chamberswmadisoncounty.com) and on the "Did You Know" Chamber email news letter, at the Annual Meeting, the "What's Right, Right Here!" Luncheon, date TBA. Also, in printed publications, slideshows, or in any other media, and may be copied and displayed in other ways.
- The winners of each category will be announced and recognized at the What's Right, Right Here Luncheon.
- The Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County reserves the right to use the photographs on its website to promote community pride without paying compensation to the photographer or the subjects.

### **What type of pictures should not be submitted?**

Pictures depicting any type of inappropriate content like: nudity, indecent postures or gestures, etc, will automatically be disqualified. Before submitting a picture, please consider the sensitivities of people depicted in your photograph.

### **What are the specs for uploading my photos?**

Images must meet the following criteria to qualify:

- Photos submitted must be in jpg format.
- Photos should not be photoshopped or digitally edited for photo manipulation to create an illusion or deception. Minimal color enhancement or correction is allowed.
- Photos can not have watermarks or signatures.

### **Are only digital images eligible?**

Yes. No print or film submissions will be accepted. If you have a non-digital image you wish to submit, scan the photograph to a minimum 300 dpi resolution, and a file no larger than 3MB and then submit to the Chamber.

### **How will the images be judged?**

Entries will be judged on the ability to showcase the activity or place appropriate to the category entered. Technical excellence is, of course, a desired factor, but any well-focused and exposed photo will be considered, if the subject matter is acceptable. All decisions of the judges are final. The images will be judged by a non-biased selected committee. Prizes will be awarded only to entries that the contest judges deem worthy. All decisions by the judges are final.

### **What is the deadline for submitting photos?**

Deadline for entries is midnight on Sunday, October 21, 2011.

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## PHOTO CONTEST LEGAL TERMS

For us to accept your entry, you must agree to the following terms.

- You are entering this contest at your own risk. You must agree that, regardless of the outcome, you will not challenge the results of the Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County's Photography Contest (the "Contest") or file any claims or suits against the Chamber, their affiliates, directors, officers, or employees, arising from the conduct of the Contest. You agree that the Chamber of Commerce need not return to you any images you submit and that the Chamber may, in its sole discretion, terminate this contest without any liability to you.
- You agree that the images you submit may be used by the Chamber at their discretion. Images displayed on the website will be afforded appropriate attribution to you as the photographer.
- The Chamber will also be promoting the images you submit in the "Did You Know" email newsletter, with some appearing on the Chamber website and on the monitors at the 2011 Annual Meeting September 28<sup>th</sup> 2011, and at the "What's Right, Right Here!" Luncheon, date TBA. The winners of each category will be announced and recognized at the "What's Right, Right Here!" Luncheon. Also, in printed publications, slideshows, or in other media, and may be copied and displayed in other ways.
- First Place winners in each category will receive a \$50.00 cash prize.
- You declare that you are at least 18 years of age, or that your guardian gives permission for your entry.
- You declare that the photographs you submit:
  - are your own work
  - do not (to your knowledge) infringe on the rights of any other person or business
  - are the exclusive right of usage and in the areas of Granite City, Madison, Venice, pontoon Beach and Mitchell has not been previously transferred.
- You declare that persons depicted in the photographs (except outdoor crowd scenes) have given you permission for the use of their image in your photograph.
- You declare that your photograph accurately reflects the subject matter and scene as it appeared, and that it has not been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, etc).
- You agree that the Chamber of Commerce Southwestern Madison County will not pay for the use of your images, unless you are one of the ten first place winners, one from each category.

Terms accepted by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_