



## The Tom Grubbs Annual Photo Contest

### Contest

We at Camp Sionito believe that anyone who has ever taken pictures in their life, has taken good pictures. One of the primary differences between professionals and non-professionals is how reliably they can get the good shot, because, photography, like any art, is meant to capture a moment, convey a feeling, tell a story. It is erroneous to believe that in order for a photo to be effective or artistic it must have formal composition, ideal lighting or, and most importantly, be taken by a professional. We are pleased to announce the photo contest has now been named for Tom Grubbs, who has been capturing moments on film and sharing photographs of Camp Sionito for 35 years.

Camp Sionito presents many photo opportunities throughout a given camping season and we want to see your photos and showcase your work among the friends of the campgrounds.

It doesn't cost anything to enter and you can enter as many photographs as you like!

### Awards

The winner in each category will receive a one week (for one person) fully paid registration to a 2009 Camp Sionito summer youth camp or reunion for which that individual or that individual's designee is eligible to attend.

### Categories

Landscape/Nature

Friends

Sionito Extreme

### Judging

All photos entered will be evaluated by a panel of at least five judges from around the State of Texas including Tom Grubbs, for whom the contest has been named. The panel of judges will select the photos that strike them most for whatever reason. Identities of submitters will not be disclosed to the judges until after judging is complete and winning photos are selected.

### Entry Submission Information

Submission deadline is November 22, 2008.

You should e-mail photos (digital photos or digital scans) to: [jpostnikoff@gpaplaw.com](mailto:jpostnikoff@gpaplaw.com)

## Rules

Photos must be from camps or activities conducted at Camp Sionito during 2008.

No limit on number of photographs entered; however, each entrant is only eligible for a single award in the contest.

Submitter must be the sole author and owner of the copyright for all photos entered.

Because the judging is an anonymous affair, an image cannot possess distinguishing marks (i.e. name, copyright).

Send the highest quality image possible. No allowances will be made for poor-quality scans.

Judges appointed by Camp Sionito will choose the winners. The judges' decision on all matters relating to the competition is final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the competition's judging and Camp Sionito.

Copyright for all photos is retained by the submitter; however, in making a submission all submitters grant a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to Camp Sionito. Camp Sionito reserves the right to post all entries on its web-site or gallery and include them in future marketing and advertising without notification or remuneration. Submissions will, however, receive our complete respect.

Entries received after November 22, 2008 will be excluded from judging but will be treated as an entry for all other purposes.

Entries must include the submitter's name and e-mail address. You may specify the category of entry or simply allow the judges to make the determination for you. Additional information such as a photo title or a brief statement regarding your thoughts about the photo, when it was taken and the equipment used to take it would be helpful.

Only the contest judges and their immediate family are excluded from the competition, otherwise, the competition is open to all individuals including both amateurs and professionals.

NOTE: Photos thought to be outside of the above criteria may be removed from consideration without the entrant being notified.

## Timeline

### **Submission Deadline**

November 22, 2008

### **Online Galleries Open**

December 1, 2008

### **Results Announced**

December 1, 2008

Winners will be contacted by e-mail by November 30, 2008.

## Photo Contest Tips

The absolute, number one tip for successfully entering is follow all the contest rules.

Enter photographs that are technically well done. Look for sharp focus, good composition, excellent color and contrast, beautiful lighting, a pleasing background and an interesting subject.

Enter a variety of subjects in a category as opposed to multiple poses of the same individual subject.

Enter early and often! Good luck and thank you for your participation.