



Kane-DuPage  
Soil & Water  
Conservation  
District

# Photo Contest

## The Contest

The annual Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Photo Contest is part of a larger statewide competition hosted by the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) Photo Contest, and ultimately the national competition hosted by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). The contest is open to all amateur photographers who live in Kane or DuPage Counties. There are two age divisions, youth and adult 19 and up. Contestants can enter as many as five photos in each of the three categories

## Judging

Photos are judged on technical merit and composition. On technical merit, photos will be judged on whether they are well-framed, properly exposed, and sharp/clear. On composition, the photos will be judged on imagination and creativity.

Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted; however, an image judged to be significantly altered may be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos. Previously published photos are ineligible

### Photo Categories

Photos should be taken within Kane or DuPage Counties.

- Conservation Practices
- Close Up Conservation
- Conservation in Action
- Agriculture & Conservation Across America

### Prizes

One first place winner and one runner-up will be chosen for each category in both age divisions. Each first-place winner will receive a \$100 gift card and will be entered in the AISWCD photo contest. Each runner-up will receive a \$50 gift card.

### Entry Instructions

An entry form and photo release must be completed for EACH photo submitted. Photos must be JPEG or TIFF file format.

### Send photos to:

[contact@kanedupageswcd.org](mailto:contact@kanedupageswcd.org)

**Deadline:** Friday April 19, 2024.