



## Big Bear Municipal Water District 2014 Photo Contest

# Official Photo Contest Rules

*The Big Bear Municipal Water District is looking for the perfect photo for the cover of next year's Mountain Waters Dispatch magazine. One photograph that illustrates the natural magnificence of Big Bear Lake while at the same time showcases the fun and enjoyment of Big Bear Valley's crowning glory. Capture that original and maybe, unexpected moment of joy or beauty on our Lake and it could be featured in our 2015 publication!*

We are looking for striking digital images to celebrate our wonder, Big Bear Lake.

Your images should highlight the natural beauty of the Lake, including portraits of the wildlife found in and around the Lake, activities participated on the Lake, and people and families enjoying recreating and exploring the Lake. We are especially interested in images that showcase the Lake including: Summer activities, recreation on the water, and critters (fish, birds, etc) that live in and near the Lake.

You must declare which category your photo will be judged. Photos may be entered into more than one category. Entrants must submit a separate entry form for each category submitted.

### CATEGORIES

1. People and/or Animals
2. Scenic Lake
3. Lake Recreation

Entrants must not submit images that involve human nudity, the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, put any individual or animal in danger, or infringe on the rights of any other person. (Breaking the law or Lake Ordinances)

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must secure a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian and provide it to the Big Bear Municipal Water District upon request.

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NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. ALL FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

Photographers who are 18 years old or older are eligible.

Individuals affiliated with the Big Bear Municipal Water District, including directors, employees and their immediate families (children, siblings, spouses) and others living in their households are not eligible. The Big Bear Municipal Water District will determine winner's eligibility in its sole discretion.

There is no entry fee and no purchase necessary to enter this competition

### How to Enter

Only digital photographs will be accepted. You may submit your photograph via email to [bigbearlakepic@gmail.com](mailto:bigbearlakepic@gmail.com)

Complete a separate form for each photo submitted. Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg or .gif .tif format.

Each photograph entered must be accompanied by an official photo contest submission form.

Photographs must have been shot by the entrant since January 1, 2012.

Photographs that have won any other contests are not eligible.

Photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects (i.e spotting, dodging, sharpening, contrast, colorizing, toning, etc.) are eligible. Manipulated files must be 2700 x 3600 ppi or larger (9"x12" at 300dpi).

#### Cell phone photography tips:

1. Set your camera to the highest resolution possible.
2. Avoid using zoom. If you need to get closer to a subject, step closer.
3. When emailing photo DO NOT RESIZE. Quality and resolution will suffer. Photographs must be submitted as original file size.
4. Send only one attached image per e-mail.



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Images that do not meet this standard can still be judged, but may not be honored as a finalist in the competition (at the judges sole discretion) if the photographer is unable or unavailable to provide the proper resolution when asked.

No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason.

### Contest Period

Entries may be emailed starting 12:00am May 1, 2014. Deadline for submitting entries is 12:00am September 30, 2014. After this date the no further entries to the competition will be permitted.

Grand Prize Winner, Runners Up, and Honorable Mentions will be announced 1:00pm October 16, 2014.

The Big Bear Municipal Water District reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

### Judging

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.

The judges are select District Directors and staff.

The District's decision in respect of all matters to do with the competition will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### Winning Photos

The grand-prize winner's image will be printed on the cover of the 2015 Mountain Water Dispatch magazine. Other finalist's images will also be featured throughout the magazine and in future publications. All entrants will receive a copy of the magazine.

A finalist will be chosen from each of the three categories. From the finalists, the grand-prize winner will be chosen.

No cash alternative to the prizes will be offered. The prizes are not transferable. Prizes are subject to availability and we reserve the right to substitute any prize with another of equivalent value without giving notice.

The winner will be notified via the contact information provided at the time of entry. If the winner cannot be contacted or do not claim the prize within 5 days of notification, we reserve the right to withdraw the prize from the winner and pick a replacement winner. The District will notify the winner when and where the prize can be collected.

### Agreement

By entering the contest, entrants grant the Big Bear Municipal Water District, and those authorized by the Big Bear Municipal Water District, a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly and all other standard Big Bear Municipal Water District purposes. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The Big Bear Municipal Water District will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. The District reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition and these terms and conditions without notice in the event of a catastrophe, war, civil or military disturbance, act of God or any actual or anticipated breach of any applicable law or regulation or any other event outside of the District's control. Any changes to the competition will be notified to entrants as soon as possible by the District.

By entering this competition, an entrant is indicating his/her agreement to be bound by these terms and conditions.