

**Taylor County Lions Maple Fest Festival Youth Photo Contest 2023**  
**“Nature in Taylor County”**

On April 29th, 2023 at the Simek Center in Medford, WI, the Taylor County Lions will host the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Taylor County Lions Maple Fest.

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1. **Eligibility:** Open to youth that reside in Taylor County. By entering this contest, you certify that you made the original exposures of your submitted photos, and that the processing, printing and special effects were done by you, or under your direction.
2. **Theme:** The theme for this contest is “Nature in Taylor County.” Any photograph of a natural scene in Taylor County will be eligible, including but not limited to wildlife, foliage, sunsets, maple processing etc.
3. **Categories:** 1- ages 5-11 2- ages 12-18, limited to 2 entries.
4. **Size and Mounting:** Entries may be submitted electronically or printed (4x6 or 5x7 only) in color and/or black and white. DO NOT FRAME THE PRINTS.
5. **Entry Labels:** Each photograph submitted to this contest must include an entry label attached to the back of it. (See attached) Do not put any identification on the front of your entries.
6. **Entry Deadline:** Friday, April 14th, 2023.
7. **Submitting your entries:** By mail or hand delivery to:

Maple Fest Photo Contest: Attn: Jane DeStaercke  
255 W. Riverside Dr.  
Gilman, WI 54433

If emailing photos, send to: [janeann125@gmail.com](mailto:janeann125@gmail.com)
8. **Judging:** each photo will be judged on the following criteria: A) How well each photo follows the contest theme, B) Composition, C) Lighting, D) Center of interest, and E) Aesthetic presentation. Decisions of the judges are final.
9. **Prizes:** The judges will select 8 winning photos, a “Best of Show” and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each category. The “Best of Show” winner will receive \$50.00. Each category winner will receive: for 1<sup>st</sup> place- \$30.00; for 2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$20.00; and for 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$10.00. All photos will be on display.
10. **Usage Rights:** All images submitted to this contest remain the property of the photographer. By entering the contest, you agree that the Maple Fest committee has the right to use your entry photographs in its publications, education programs and publicity efforts without requiring additional compensation. When possible, credit for the photo, if used by Maple Fest committee, will be given to the photographer. The committee takes no responsibility for any third-party usage of photos.
11. **Photo Contest Exhibit:** Your photos will be on display during the Taylor County Lions & Lioness Maple Festival, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Medford, WI at the Simek Center
12. **Picking up your photos:** Your photos can be picked up on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, after 4:00 PM. After this time, the remaining photos will be with the photo contest chair and you will be responsible for arranging pick up of your photo. Your entries will not be mailed back to you.
13. **Handling of the Prints:** The Taylor County Lions Maple Fest Committee assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged photos but wishes to assure entrants that all care will be taken with your photo.

14. Chair Person: The photography contest chairperson is Jane DeStaercke. If you have questions, please contact via email: [janeann125@gmail.com](mailto:janeann125@gmail.com)



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