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2009 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest Welcomes New Sponsor Two New Categories Will Include Students and State Parks

Do you think the photos you snap are award winning? Why not enter them in the 2009 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest? Digital photos taken in Alabama by amateur photographers are eligible for entry into the annual contest sponsored this year by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Categories added for the 2009 contest include State Parks and Student Snapshots. Student Snapshots will consist of two divisions: Youth ages 6-12 and 13-18 while the State Parks category will include photos taken in any of Alabama's 22 State Parks operated by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). The remaining seven categories are Birds, Mammals, Reptiles and Amphibians, Other Native Wildlife, Scenic/Pictorial, Nature-Based Activities, and Wild Flora.

"We really look forward to the Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest because the number and quality of entries increases each year," said ADCNR Information and Education Chief and Outdoor Alabama Magazine Editor Kim G. Nix. "Most of the entries are so beautiful, it's hard to judge and pick out the winners."

All photos must have been taken in Alabama and species must be native to the state. Photos must have been taken within the past two years and not published previously. All photos must be high quality digital images submitted on a CD-ROM accompanied by an 8x10 print of each photo. Photographers may enter up to 10 photos.



2008 Winning Photo
Taken by Scott Thompson

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In addition to having winning entries printed in the February 2009 issue of *Outdoor Alabama*, prizes courtesy of **Academy Sports + Outdoors** will be awarded to the winners in each category. Certificates will be awarded to first, second and third place winners and honorable mentions. The deadline for entering the contest is October 31, 2008, at 5 p.m. Entries received after this time will be disqualified.

For more information or to [download the rules and entry form](#), visit www.outdooralabama.com or call 1-800-262-3151. To receive an entry form by mail, write to Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest, 64 N. Union St., Ste. 106, Montgomery, AL 36130 or [request by email](mailto:magazine@outdooralabama.com) at magazine@outdooralabama.com.

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