

## BC Goes Wild Weekend Photo Contest

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We are looking for your photos of wildlife (birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, insects, any non-domestic animal from BC) or photos of “doing the right thing” for avoiding conflict with wildlife (e.g. a dog on a leash, a bear-resistant garbage bin, observing bear “sign”, carrying bear spray, etc.). The rules are simple:

1. Photos need to have been taken anytime between 12:01 am January 1st, 2017 to 11:59 pm September 17th, 2017.
2. Photographers need to follow proper etiquette when collecting photos of wildlife:
  - a. Respect the wildlife – don’t get in too close. Long lenses or a good zoom is a good way to keep a safe distance between you and what you’re taking pictures of.
  - b. Some wildlife can be viewed/photographed from blinds, viewing platforms, vehicles or boats – these options help keep you and your subject separate but also require special consideration as well (see below).
  - c. Do not stop on highways or roads where speeds exceed 60 km/hr to photograph wildlife. This creates unsafe conditions for motorists and the animal (s).
  - d. If your subject moves away, you’re probably too close, let it go.
  - e. Do not crowd around a subject – respect the animal and the other photographers. Crowding may stress an animal and may cut off its escape route causing it to make a defensive attack.
  - f. Start out slowly – if you’re new to photography, join a club or accompany someone who can show you the ropes.
  - g. Maybe use this weekend as a chance to mentor a new photographer. Show them the ropes and help them enjoy the experience safely.
  - h. Wildlife can become habituated to humans so it is best to keep our interactions to a minimum – what is an appropriate amount of time to spend on a subject will vary in every instance; knowledge is your best ally here. Learn whatever you can about the subjects you are looking for and about the area you will be taking pictures in. Act responsibly
  - i. Do not approach bears, cougars, wolves or coyotes to take their picture. This increases their habituation and can put you or others at risk.
3. Send your entries by email into [bcbgw@wildsafebc.com](mailto:bcbgw@wildsafebc.com) with the subject line: BCBGW Photo Contest.
4. Submissions must be received by 12 noon, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
5. Include in the email: your full name, email address, date photograph was taken, location, subject matter, the name of the photograph. If the photo is of a ‘best practice’ explain what that practice is.
6. If the photo is of a person that can be identified, please include a photo model release form (see below).

7. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each of the two categories (Wildlife and “Doing the right thing”) and there will be two age categories recognized – 12 and younger and 13 and older. Prize list is as follows:

Wildlife Photo, 13 and older, first place: Guided field day for two, October 28, Kamloops BC - transportation and lunch provided. Hosts, CBC’s “Outdoor Guy” Frank Ritcey, and, noted Wildlife Photographer, Peter Sulzle. Also, a naturalist field guide and BC Goes Wild T-shirt.

Wildlife Photo, 13 and older, second place: Field guide and BC Goes Wild T-shirt

Wildlife Photo, 13 and older, third place: Field guide and BC Goes Wild T-shirt

Wildlife Photo, 12 and under, first place: USB microscope, Field guide and BC Goes Wild T-shirt

Wildlife Photo, 12 and under, second place: Field guide and BC Goes Wild T-shirt

Wildlife Photo, 12 and under, third place: Field guide and BC Goes Wild T-shirt

“Doing the right thing” photo contest – First, second, and third place, in both age categories get the coveted BC Goes Wild T-shirt.

All entries are eligible for a draw prize of a: Guided field day for two, October 28, Kamloops BC - transportation and lunch provided. Hosts, CBC’s “Outdoor Guy” Frank Ritcey, and, noted Wildlife Photographer, Peter Sulzle.

Please note: Prizes awarded have no cash value. Field day participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the pickup site at Kamloops BC. The trip will be of 4-6 hours in duration and will require some hiking over uneven ground. Liability waivers will need to be signed by participants (and/or by their guardians).

8. Photos will be judged for artistic value and uniqueness (a panel of 3 judges will decide the ranking of images and judges’ decisions will be final).
9. Photographers may submit a total of 6 photos in either category – e.g. 4 photos in Wildlife and 2 in “Doing the right thing.”

By entering this competition, you agree to the following:

1. WildSafeBC may use these photos along with the photographer’s name in conjunction with the WildSafeBC BC Goes Wild Weekend promotion. (For any other usage we would have to create an agreement with the photographer).
2. The photographer retains copyright of their work.
3. The name and contact information provided with the submission is that of the person who took the photo and has full rights to share the photo.
4. The photograph was taken abiding to the contest rules.

## **Model Image Release Form**

I hereby grant to the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) the right to reproduce, use, exhibit, display, broadcast, distribute and create derivative works of the photographed images of me, or a minor in my care, taken (on this date) \_\_\_\_\_, for use in connection with the activities of BCCF or for promoting, publicizing or explaining BCCF or its activities. This grant includes, without limitation, the right to publish such images in BCCF publications and PR/promotional materials, including the website.

These images may appear in any of the wide variety of formats and media now available to BCCF and that may be available in the future, including but not limited to print, broadcast, videotape, CD-ROM, website and electronic/online media.

**Name of model (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guardian (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_