

## 2025 Photo Contest



## Theme:

This year's theme highlights the vital role native habitats play in sustaining biodiversity, storing carbon, and protecting soil and water resources. When animals, plants, and aquatic life have healthy habitats, it benefits us all by ensuring ecosystem stability, enhancing natural beauty, supporting clean air and water, and creating a resilient and sustainable environment.

## **Rules:**

- Open to any 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> grade student in Anderson County.
- Photos must be the original work of the individual student.
- Photos should be taken in Anderson County and the photographer must reside in Anderson County.
- Each photo must contain the following information on a label on the back of the photo:
  - Photographer's name, address, and phone number
  - Photographers school name and grade level
  - Name of each person(s) in photo, if any
  - Address where the photo was taken
- Color photos in 5" x 7" only must be submitted. All photos submitted must be in <u>hard copy and</u>
  <u>.ipg file form</u> on CD, flash drive, google drive shared document or via email. Image files must have the first and last name of the person submitting it. Framed or matted photos will not be accepted.
- Each participant may enter only one photo.
- Photos will be judged on the following criteria: effectiveness of conveying theme, composition, and originality.
- Photo becomes the property of Anderson Soil & Water Conservation District; they reserve the right to use all photos in their publications and for conservation promotion purposes (with credit line given). Participants should keep extra prints of their photos.
- Any missing information not provided as listed above will be disqualified.

Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$75

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$25

**Deadline:** Entries must be received by <u>March 28, 2025</u> at the Anderson Soil & Water Conservation District Office.