

~Official Rules~
Quality of Kane Photo Contest
Help Tell the Story of Kane County

Choose from 14 Photo Contest Categories:

Home Grown-Local Foods –

Share your experience with local foods in Kane County. Ideas include pictures of your favorite local farmer in action such as, harvesting vegetables, at a farmer’s market, your family enjoying time on a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm, school trips to a small farm, gardening at a community garden or in your backyard.

Agricultural Community –

Are you a part of Kane County’s agricultural community? We want to see your pictures of working the farm, enjoying time with family on the farm, harvesting, tending to your animals, etc.

Fox River –

Fox River is an asset to Kane County. How do you enjoy the Fox River? Include pictures of fishing, kayaking, picnicking, festivals etc.

Favorite Forest Preserve –

Kane County has over 18, 000 acres of Forest Preserves. What is your favorite Forest Preserve? What is your favorite way to enjoy the Forest Preserves of Kane County? Show a picture of you, your friends, or others enjoying it in this way.

Pure Nature –

Share close-ups or panoramas of the natural beauty of Kane County. Is there a secret spot you retreat to?

Heritage & Culture –

Show how your heritage and culture enriches Kane County’s communities. Share pictures of people, places, art, culture, and food in Kane County.

***FitKids!* –**

Kane County has a plan to fight childhood obesity in Kane County by 2020. See the *Fit Kids 2020 Plan* online at www.makingkanefitforkids.org. Share pictures of how your family is working toward active living and healthy eating. Share your story. Pictures of kids in this category is a must.

Downtown –

Share pictures of your favorite downtown in one of Kane County’s 30 communities. What draws you to the downtown? Is it a special place? Share pictures of that special place and people enjoying it.

Favorite Place –

What is your favorite place in Kane County? Where do you often like to retreat that lifts your spirits? Is it a coffee shop, a particular spot in a nature preserve, a family farm, a public space in one of Kane County’s communities? What draws you to this place?

Getting Around –

Kane County has a regional bike trail system of over 130 miles of regional trails and a local bike trail system of over 180 miles. Do you get around by bike, boat, kayak, bus, train, by foot, or in another way? Share the variety of ways you get around Kane County.

I’d Love to Walk or Bike, But....

Have you ever tried to walk or bike to your favorite destination or to get to a Pace bus stop but the sidewalk ended or you didn’t feel safe? Share those locations with us and a story of where you’d like to get to and what is impeding you from getting there.

Architecture –

Photograph your favorite architectural feature, building, or structures in Kane County.

The Year 2040 –

What do you value about Kane County? What would you like to see more of in the year 2040?

Kane County at Work –

Show how your company or business is contributing to a vital Kane County economy.

Submission Rules and Regulations

Sponsor: “Kane County”, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134.

About the Contest:

The Quality of Kane Photo Contest is an effort to have those who live and work in Kane County “*Tell the Story of Kane County*”. Each month winners will be selected from each category. Winning photos may be used for the outreach efforts of Kane County’s Quality of Kane initiative, including the 2040 Long Range Plan, websites, Power Points, workshops, etc. Winners will be announced and recognized on the Quality of Kane website (www.qualityofkane.org). No cash prizes will be awarded.

How it Works:

Choose up to 3 categories and submit up to 3 photos per category each month until June 30, 2012. Select the **age category** that you are eligible for, see “**Eligibility**” below. See “**Deadlines**” below for specific monthly submission dates. The photo contest will begin immediately. Winners will be chosen at the end of each month until the conclusion of the contest on June 30, 2012. See “**General Submission Guidelines**” below on how to submit your photos. Each entrant must also submit a photo submission form. **Optional:** Help us tell the story of Kane County with a brief description of your photo as it relates to the category. We encourage creativity!

Contest Rules:

By entering the contest each entrant gives Kane County permission to use their photos, in whole or in part, for any purpose without compensation. Each entrant grants Kane County a non-exclusive license to use, reproduce, publish, display, and distribute their entry, in whole or in part, and entrants will retain the right to use entries for their own purposes. Entrants who do not provide all required information will be disqualified. This contest begins immediately and ends on June 30, 2012 (“Contest Period”). At the end of each month winners will be chosen and another monthly contest will begin. See “**Deadlines**” for specific dates.

Eligibility:

This contest is open to all individuals, however all photos must be taken in Kane County. Kane County employees or their family members are also encouraged to enter.

Age categories include:

- Youth up to grade 5
- Middle School
- High School
- College
- Adult

Submission Rules:

Submissions must be made in digital format (no special effects, multiple exposures, etc.) and must be color photographs. You may only alter a photo’s brightness and contrast. Entries will not be returned. Kane County has the sole discretion to determine if photographs have been manipulated in violation of these official rules and will result in a disqualification of the photo. In addition, all photographs must be taken and solely owned by the entrant, and must not infringe upon any rights of any third party including, without limitation, copyright, trademark, and right of publicity or privacy. See “**General Submission Guidelines**” below.

All digital photos must be submitted either:

- online at the Quality of Kane website (www.qualityofkane.org), or;
- CD must be received at the Kane County Development Dept., 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134 (Building A, 4th Floor) by 4:30p.m., Central Daylight Time prior to one or all of the monthly deadlines. No late submissions will be accepted.

Deadlines:

Monthly contest deadlines (last day of each month until June 30, 2012): October 31; November 30; December 31; January 31; February 29; March 31; April 30; May 31, and June 30, 2012. Photos will not be accepted after June 30, 2012.

Judging:

A panel of Kane County staff will select one winner in each age group and for each of the 14 categories per month until June 30, 2012. Judges will include staff from the Kane County Development Dept., Health Dept. and Transportation Dept. ***All entries will be judged on adherence to the theme/category, quality of the image, artistic expression, creativity and originality.*** All decisions of the judges with respect to all aspects of this contest are final and binding. Kane County reserves the right to disqualify entries which do not conform to these official rules and are deemed to be inappropriate. Please do not contact Kane County to find out if your submission has been received. Winners to be announced on the Quality of Kane website (www.qualityofkane.org).

Publication and Display:

In addition to the rights granted to Kane County, stated above, submission of an entry constitutes agreement to allow photographs to be reproduced, published, and/or exhibited for promotional purposes by Kane County and its affiliated partners. Entrants grant Kane County (except where prohibited by law) the right to use and publish their names, likeness, city and state, biographical data, and/or any information contained in their entry in print and/or other media in connection with this contest, including on the internet, by Kane County, its partners, and third party entities, without additional compensation, notice, review, or approval.

Subject Release Forms:

Only those contestants selected as a winner or as a runner up will be responsible for acquiring “**subject release forms**” (available on photo contest webpage) from identifiable individuals featured in their photographs. The release form for use in connection with this contest is attached below. Failure to submit a release form for identifiable individuals appearing in a photograph will result in the photograph’s disqualification (in Kane County’s sole discretion). Kane County will notify contestants if they will need to submit a subject release form. We recommend you have the form signed and ready to submit if contacted by staff.

General Agreement:

Submission of entry to the contest automatically constitutes the contestant’s agreement to be bound by these rules and the decisions of Kane County and acceptance of all conditions set forth in these official rules. Entries not complying with these official rules will be disqualified at Kane County’s sole discretion. It is the responsibility of the contestant to ensure that publication of the photographs by Kane County raises no legal claims and does not infringe upon the rights of any third party, including, without limitation, copyright, trademark and right of publicity or privacy.

Kane County or their partners/agents are not responsible and/or liable for any of the following, whether caused by Kane County, the entrant, or by human error: any late, lost, damaged, incomplete, illegible, destroyed, misdirected or postage-due entries or mail; miscommunications; misdirected transmissions, or other errors of any kind whether human, mechanical or electronic. Kane County reserved the right to cancel, modify, or suspend the contest without notice, including, without limitation, if, for any reason, this contest is not capable of running as planned. By entering, participants agree to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless Kane County, its officers, and its staff, from any and all liability arising from or in connection to this contest, including without limitation, a breach or alleged breach of any of the above representation and warranties.

General Submission Guidelines

Entrants may submit photographs either electronically or by mail. All photo files must be named in the following format, regardless of submission option. If you are submitting more than one photo, add a number to the end as shown below.

Format: Last name_First name_Category Title_Number.jpg/tif

Example: Smith_Joe_FitKids!_1.jpg

Smith_Joe_FitKids!_2.jpg

Electronic Submissions Online:

Entrants are encouraged to submit photographs electronically at the Quality of Kane website (www.qualityofkane.org). **Entrants can submit up to three (3) photographs for each category and can enter only 3 photo categories per month (9 total pictures per month).** The pictures must be submitted in JPG or TIF format and each photo must be accompanied by a photo submission information **or a “photo submission form”** (available on the photo contest webpage). **The suggested minimum picture quality is 5 megapixels.** Photographs determined in Kane County’s sole discretion to be digital manipulations will be disqualified and not returned.

By Mail:

Enter this contest by mail by sending a CD of photographs and **“photo submission form”** to the address below. The photos need to be in JPG or TIF format. **The suggested minimum picture quality is 5 megapixels.** Photographs determined in Kane County’s sole discretion to be digital manipulations will be disqualified and not returned. Number the photographs on the CD to correspond with the written/typed information on the “photo submission form”.

The mailing address is:

Attn: Quality of Kane Photography Contest

Kane County Development Department

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Geneva, IL 60134