

## **UT/TSU Extension – Hamilton County Photo Contest** This contest is part of 2026 March Extension Month

### **Photo Search Entry Procedure**

1. **All photographs must be submitted to the Hamilton County Extension office by 4:00 p.m., March 28th.**
2. A judge(s) will be responsible for selecting up to twelve (12) entries (6 youth (4th - 12th grade) and 6 adult). Finalists will be announced by April 7th.
3. The finalists' photo(s) will be posted on our Facebook page to be voted on (through 4 p.m., April 11<sup>th</sup>) for a Voter's Choice award for both the youth division and adult division.
4. The Voter's Choice winners will be announced April 11<sup>th</sup>.
5. The 12 first place finalists' photos will be enlarged into 8x10 photos, framed, and displayed in our Extension office during the year.
6. The photo owner is responsible for picking up framed photo from Extension office by selected date.

### **Photo Search General Rules**

1. Only Hamilton County residents (amateur photographers) may submit entries. Up to six (6) photos, one for each category, may be submitted per contestant.
2. Each entry must be a digital photo in color or black and white. The setting should be 300dpi or if the photo is being submitted from a phone via email use the highest possible resolution.
3. Entries must be submitted by email to Marilyn Cotton at [mcotton4@utk.edu](mailto:mcotton4@utk.edu) by 4:00 p.m., **March 28th.**
4. The email must contain the photographer's name, phone number(s) email address, mailing address and the photo(s). Submit each photo with a file name containing your name, youth or adult, photo category, and title. Example: Jane Doe\_Adult\_Flowers\_Sunflower\_in\_garden
5. The email must also contain the statement:

**"I give permission to UT/TSU Extension – Hamilton County to use photo in publicity, bulletins, media, etc."**

**Note: Entries submitted without the above statement will not be judged.**

6. Entries will be judged on quality and message. There will be youth (4<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade) and adult divisions for the categories below. Note – if your photo contains a person/people you must make sure you have permission from the person to use the photo.
  - a. People
  - b. Places
  - c. Animals/Insects/Reptiles
  - d. Flowers/Plants/Trees
  - e. Human interest
  - f. Hamilton County (add a comment about what the photo features)

For additional information call the UT/TSU Extension – Hamilton County office at 423-209-8560.

Check out our Facebook page: UT & TSU Extension – Hamilton County