

Plan 50uthport Photo Contest

Subject Categories

There are 6 categories in the photo contest.

- Natural & Scenic Southport
 - Includes landscape, scenery, local flora or fauna.
- Southport Festivals & Events
 - Must focus on public fairs, festivals, and events in Southport.
- Pets of Southport
 - Celebrate your favorite pet friends! Pets must be photographed in or around Southport.
- Historic Southport
 - Highlight historic districts, landmarks, buildings, or structures.
 - Entries can also be of historic images or photographs that may or may not be digital enhanced or restored. Entries of historic photographs that are enhanced should include the original image in the email.
 - Entries should include historic significance of subject in the caption, including construction year or, if applicable, year original image was taken (minimum of 50 words).
- Artistic Southport
 - Photography based but can be digitally altered or enhanced (without the use of AI).
 - Submissions can be in black and white, in once color, or cross processed in two colors).
 - Must be submitted with the original base image and a description of the effects and enhancements used.
- YOUR Southport #ThisIsMySouthport
 - This entry can fit any or none of the other categories.
 - Should highlight a part of Southport (person, place, community, or anything really) that typically wouldn't be advertised or known to tourists.
 - Should include a caption (minimum of 100 words) that describes how this image captures the Southport that is personal to you.

Eligibility

The contest is open to the public with the following categories: adult amateur; adult professional; youth amateur category. **All photos must be taken in or around Southport. All entries must be suitable to display on a public website.** Entries must not include watermarks, trademarks, or any visual or written reference to local, regional, national, or global politics or political candidates. Participants under the age of 18 must obtain permission from a parent or legal guardian and have their entry submitted by their adult. Anyone can participate. Only digital entries will be accepted. Photos must be the original property of the entrant and may not have been nationally published or be under consideration for publication or prizes elsewhere. Participants are allowed to post their entries on their social media platforms with the hashtag: **#Plan50uthport #MySouthportNC**. Digitally altered photographs must be submitted with the original image (only applies to Artistic and Historic Southport entries).

Submitting Photos

Entries are accepted between May 1, 2024, through August 1, 2024, at 5:00 PM. **Please submit entries in JPEG (.jpg) digital format saved at the highest possible resolution by email with the subject line Plan 50uthport Photo Contest.** All entrants must include the required information listed below with their photo entries. Maximum of 3 photo entries per person. Only entries with complete and accurate information will be considered. Photographs that are damaged, artificially generated, plagiarized, contain blurred images, or are otherwise deemed unusable due to poor image quality or low resolution by the contest supervisor will not be accepted. **Entries received after 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2024, will not be eligible.**

Required for complete entries to be considered:

- First and Last Name (*Youth entries to include Name, Age, and Grade of photographer along with name of their adult*).
- E-mail Address (*Youth entries to use the email of their adult*).
- Zip code.
- Amateur or Professional (please include the name of your professional photography business).
- Socials to tag, i.e., photography pages, websites, how do you want to be credited.
- Caption for **each photo** entry (300 words **maximum**).
- Date **each photo** was taken.
- Location where **each photo** was taken (must not be illegally trespassing when taking the picture). *Location can be listed as a place or an address, with a description of where or what direction the image was taken.*
- **Email submissions to coms@cityofsouthport.com. Subject line: "Plan Southport Photo Contest, Firstname Lastname"**.

Use of Photos

Contestants grant City of Southport and Plan 50outhport unlimited usage and unrestricted rights of any photograph submitted for the contest regardless of whether it is a winning entry. They reserve the right to approve or disapprove the use of any photos submitted in printed or online materials and for educational, informational, and promotional purposes without paying compensation to the photographers or the subjects. No reason or statement is required for disapproved or unused images. **Submission of photos that feature people or children assumes that the photographer has the permission of subjects for the use of their image.** Photos used in published materials will **credit the photographer and location unless otherwise requested by the entrant.** Photographers of images used in the Plan 50outhport document will be notified of use and written credit ahead of presentation of the final draft.

The City of Southport also reserves the right to include the captions written by the photographer with their entry but may modify as needed for length, clarity, grammar, and/or spelling. Direct quotes will be shown as such. Modified captions will be sent to photographer for approval, wherein the photographer can approve or deny attribution to the caption. If approved, they will be credited on both the photo and for the caption. If denied, they will be only credited for the photograph.

Judging

Winners will be announced during the September public meetings for the Plan 50outhport. Selections will be made by the Plan 50outhport project team. You need not to be present to win. Winning entrants will be contacted by email. If for any reason the contest is not capable of being conducted as planned, including any causes beyond the control of the administrators of the contest, City of Southport reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, modify, suspend, or terminate the contest without notice to the entrants and retain all photo entries.

Winners

Winners will receive a certificate for first place in the adult amateur, professional, and youth amateur in each category. Professional entrants found to be submitted as amateur may be subject to disqualification.