

Entries Wanted For Daisy Mountain Photo Contest
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NORTH COUNTRY CONSERVANCY, INC. (NCC) is sponsoring a photo contest to promote the preservation of Daisy Mountain as an open space for the enjoyment of this and future generations. The contest is open to people 14 years old and up. All entries must be photographs taken on or of Daisy Mountain between August 1, 2007 and August 21, 2008. To be eligible, the photos should be scenes that depict the serenity of Daisy Mountain or show Arizona flowers, cacti and other plants and animals that are native to Daisy Mountain.

The winner will have his/her photo blown up to 19 X 13 inches as a prize. Photographers retain copyright to their submitted photos. Contestants agree to have their submitted photos used in NCC promotional materials to promote the preservation of Daisy Mountain. The winner will provide NCC with a digital image of the winning photo on a disc (or flash drive) or sent via email to info@daisymountain.org.

Up to three photos may be entered in the contest; each must be entered separately and have the photographer identified (name, address, phone number) on the back of each photo. Each entered photo must be in color and either 5 X 7 inches or 8 X 10 inches in size. Mail entries to: North Country Conservancy, Inc., 515 E. Carefree Hwy., Phoenix, AZ 85085-8839. Postmark must be dated by Thursday, August 21, 2008.

The judges (two local photographers and a member of the NCC) will determine and announce the winner by October 1. Entries will be judged on the basis of photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the unique character of the subject. The judges' decisions are final.

Need some help? On Saturday, July 19, 2008, Ann Hutchinson, NCC's Executive Director will lead a group up the north side of Daisy Mountain which faces New River. She has a group permit that she will use for the photographers. Anyone under the age of 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration to join the group for the 5:15 a.m. trek is necessary. Yes, that is no misprint... 5:15 a.m. on July 19, 2008 is the time Ann will leave the parking lot and start up Daisy Mountain. Call NCC at (623) 7426514 or send an email to info@daisymountain.org to pre-register for the group trek on July 19. Pre-register by Monday, July 14, 2008. Directions to the meeting place will be provided to registrants.

At the time of pre-registration, photographers will be asked if they would be interested in car-pooling from various points in New River, Anthem, Tramonto, and Desert Hills to the parking lot at the trail head to the north side of Daisy Mountain. If there is enough interest, photographers will be contacted to arrange for car-pooling.

Hikers must wear hard-soled shoes such as walking shoes (no flip-flops or fashionably styled shoes made for social events), a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Take a sufficient amount of water and a snack such as nuts or trail mix. Carry only enough camera equipment that is comfortable for a hike on a steep incline. Be prepared to carry out what you carried on to the state land.

Photographers may go up Daisy Mountain on their own, but will need a permit to do so legally. Contact the Arizona State Land Department at (602) 364-2753 or at www.land.state.az.us to learn how to obtain a permit.