

Poolesville High School
Photography 1

June 2009

Dear Photography Student:

We look forward to teaching and learning with you next year and hope that you have a summer full of adventure, relaxation and beauty. Your Photography teachers have developed several summer assignments designed to get you into the habit of looking closely at the world around you. When you return to school, you will share your vision of your world with your community through local and statewide competitions.

Over the summer, you are strongly encouraged to take photographs in order to participate in two contests: ***What I See Photography Contest*** sponsored by the town of Poolesville and the ***2009 Maryland Natural Resource Photo Contest***. (You can visit the DNR website for more information and official rules at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/photocontest/>. Your photographs must be downloaded to a CD or flashdrive to be viewed the first week of class. Don't worry--your teachers will submit your work to the contests for you. We will also create our annual **My Hometown** photography book with your work in it and hope to finish it in time for Poolesville Day.

The finished, competition-ready photographs (two for the ***What I See*** contest and six for the ***DNR*** contest—one per category) that you took over the summer will be the focus of our first week in class together. So get out there and start taking pictures of your world!

Technical Requirements for the Course:

- A flashdrive so that you can transport your photos to class and home.

We look forward to seeing you this August!

Nori Thorne

**“What I See” Photography Contest
Sponsored by the Town of Poolesville
(2009 rules may change)**

The Town of Poolesville is sponsoring a photography contest for those in grades 6 through 12. Middle school students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will participate together in the contest and high school students from grades 9 to 12 will participate separately. The objective of the contest is to use photographs to pictorially answer two questions: **“What do I like best about my town?”** And **“What don’t I like or want to see improved in my town?”** Students will be asked to submit two photographs they think best answer each question together with a narrative that explains the photograph in the view of the student. In order to participate, students must submit a photograph and narrative that responds to each of the two questions. We encourage creativity and unique perspectives to each of the two questions. All photos must be in good taste, but can depict people, places or scenery in the town. The town reserves the right to reject photos it believes are in poor taste (i.e., vulgar, critical of identifiable individuals, portraying someone in such a way as to demean them, etc.) Only students who are Poolesville area residents may participate.

CONTEST RULES:

1. Any student who lives in the Poolesville area is eligible to participate. (Students outside of Poolesville will participate in a separate category. Prize money is the same).
2. All participants must be in the 6th through 12th grades.
3. All entries must include a completed and signed copy of the entry form. The date and location of each photograph should also be submitted along with appropriate captions as noted above.
4. The contest will begin on May 15th and photographs must be submitted to Town Hall or your school sponsor by **September 5th**. Entries must be submitted in two formats: printed 8x10 copies and digitally on some form of physical media. CDs and USB thumbdrives are preferred. JPEG formats are preferred.
5. A committee consisting of a representative from the Town’s Community and Economic Development Committee, the Town Commission, the Town staff, and the art departments at the High School and Middle School will judge the photos.
6. The emphasis in judging the photos will be first, on how well they answer the two questions; second, originality and creativity; and third, how well they present the Town and key aspects of life in your community.
7. The committee will judge the photographs and choose an entry as 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place. Winners will be announced for both the middle school and high school categories at Poolesville Day
8. All photo entries become the sole property of the Town of Poolesville and will not be returned to the contest participant. By signing the entry form, the participant agrees to grant the Town license to use the photographs in print and electronic publications.