

Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest



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Summer 2007

You're Invited Meet the Judges Party

Saturday, July 28th
Fennessey Ranch
(Between Bayside & Refugio)
4:00-8:00pm

Hayrides ☆ Bird Watching ☆ Photo Blinds

Meet the Judges

We are honored to have such eminently qualified judges for the Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest. They donate their time and expertise as a show of support for our educational and conservational values.



photo: Theo Allofs
Susan McElhinney
Photo Director Children's Publications
National Wildlife Federation
Reston, Virginia

Susan McElhinney is the Director of Photography for Children's Publications of the National Wildlife Federation. As such, she photo edits *Ranger Rick*, *Your Big Backyard* and *Wild Animal Baby*. As a professional photographer for 25 yrs. she rarely photographed a bird or plant, except when she did a book for National Geographic Young Explorers on how to help wildlife. Rather, her focus was heads of state, Congress and other political happenings in the world. She did this as a staff photographer for *Newsweek* Magazine in the Washington DC bureau through the Carter and Reagan years. For many years hence she freelanced for corporate clients, *People*, *Life*, *Parenting*, *Fortune*, and *National Geographic* pubs among others. Later, in an effort to stay closer to home, she began part-time editing with NGS on their kids magazine *World*. In 2001 she moved over to RR, YBB and WAB and enjoys the daily challenge to entertain with nature stories, teach about plants and animals, encourage kids to get out each day to experience nature and bring wildlife news to two million kids each month.



Jim Carr
Photographer & Field Instructor
Houston, TX

Veteran Photographer, Jim Carr started teaching Film Camera Workshops at the Big Bend Ranch State park in 1982 for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Carr specializes in both beginner and intermediate skill levels, looking to capture some of Texas' top scenery in Big Bend Ranch near Presidio. The Houstonian switched to Digital Camera workshops in 2005 due to the technological demand. Most of Jim's free lance underwater work has gone to stock agencies. They have been used numerous times for calendars and advertisements. Jim is also known for his limited edition Landscape prints which he sells. Jim is a graduate of Brooks Institute for Underwater Photography and the Maine School of Photography in Large Format View Camera and Black and White printing classes. In 2004 Jim completed coursework from Houston Community College in Photoshop, ImageReady and Illustrator Classes. He is a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals.



Earl Nottingham
Chief Photographer
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Temple, Texas

Earl Nottingham has been involved in professional photography for almost 30 years, and for the past 11 years has served as chief photographer for the Texas Parks & Wildlife department and *Texas Parks & Wildlife* magazine where he has won numerous state and national awards for his photography of conservation issues. His work has been published widely in regional and national publications such as *Smithsonian*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Texas Highways* and numerous calendar titles. Nottingham holds a B.S. degree in Photography from East Texas State University and attended the Photography Institute of America in Atlanta, Georgia. He also holds the Master of Photography degree from Professional Photographers of America. He lives in Temple, Texas with wife Paula and son Adam.

Save the Date

2007 Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest

Premier Party & Awards Banquet

Saturday, August 25, 2007

American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, TX

Reserve your Table & Tickets Today 361-881-9316

Other Upcoming Events

Last day of Contest

Slides & Digital Submissions Due

Judging

Kritter Kamp Registration Deadline- TAMU, Kingsville

Kritter Kamp TAMU, Kingsville

July 1st

July 13th

July 25-28th

July 18th

July 23-27th

Judges' Photo Series Workshop

July 25th
Wednesday

The Layered Photograph-
Adding Visual
Dimensions

Presented by:
Earl Nottingham

Digital
Photography
For Beginners

Presented By:
Jim Carr

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Conservation through Kritter Programs

By: Michelle Horine

Photo By: Hugh Lieck

Landowners: David & Eline Haunschild, Haunschild Properties, Kleberg County



Take a look at this wildcat! The bobcat or *Lynx rufus*, as some biologists would call it, is more than just a cat. It is a predator, a carnivore, a native to Texas. He is part of the food chain, he requires a brushy habitat, and is primarily nocturnal. This particular photo was taken during our 2005 Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest by award winning photographer Hugh Lieck on David & Eline Haunschild's property located in Kleberg County. When working with the local kiddos, we always ask where they think this bobcat lives. More than 80% of the time, the response is Africa. Once we tell the children that bobcats live in Texas, there is an immediate connection. So you see,

there's a lot to learn from even just one photograph. Now, include this photo with more than 160 others and you have an educational tool that folks of all ages can learn from. The Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest is more than just a competition. With the partnership of local landowners and photographers it is the key component to a unique educational campaign to spread conservation awareness. More than \$90,000 in prize money will be awarded to winning landowners and photographers, an economic incentive to see beyond the ranch gate and into private ranches through the pages of a wildlife photography book, *Wildlife in Focus*. The book serves as a wonderful gift to family, friends, and clients as well as a gift to our local school children, through our Kritters 4 Kids program and now a new program, Kritter Kamp, held during the summer time.

The breath taking photos not only educate our community about the need to take care of our local precious wildlife and habitat but also spark childhood memories in some of us, and bring out the kid in all of us! Help us keep Texas and our Children WILD!

To learn more about how you can help support the Kritters 4 Kids program in your hometown school contact: 361-881-9316 or wildlifephoto@sbcglobal.net

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