

Annual Stockton Photo Contest 2011

Sponsored by the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau and Downtown Stockton Alliance

It's time once again for the Stockton Photo Contest brought to you by the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Stockton Alliance.

For 2011, all submissions must be digital! All entries must be submitted on the Flickr™ website at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/visitstockton>. That's where you'll find all the information you need to participate in the contest!

This year, we're encouraging you to submit photos in a specific theme - "Summertime in Stockton" - shots of you, family or friends participating in summer activities in Stockton.

Youth and adult winners will be selected in each category.

What to Enter

We are looking for images that portray Stockton as an attractive and inviting destination. Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition and overall impact.

Here are just a few ideas:

- Fun and familiar places in Stockton
- People enjoying sporting events, festivals, fairs, outdoors, the waterfront and more
- Cultural ceremonies and celebrations in Stockton
- Dining, shopping and entertainment settings (inside & out) in Stockton
- Anything else you encounter that portrays Stockton as a great place to shop, dine, explore and stay!
- *Avoid: Purely artistic shots, extensive editing, watermarking and filters.*

Prizes

Winning images will be featured on the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau website, the Downtowner, the Chamber's Port O Call Magazine and at the CVB office. Also, photos may be used in future Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau and Downtown Stockton Alliance publications, on their websites and other affiliated print and websites. A total of \$300 in cash and prizes will be awarded in Youth (under 18) and Adult categories. The prize breakdown is as follows:

- Grand Prize - \$100, plus additional Stockton prizes

- .1st Place Adult - \$75

- Honorable Mention Adult - \$25 Restaurant Gift Certificate (may be more than one winner)
- 1st Place Youth - \$50
- Honorable Mention Youth - \$25 Downtown Cinema Gift Certificate

Entry

The competition is open to everyone except employees of the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Stockton Alliance. Both the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Stockton Alliance shall have the right to verify, in their sole judgment, winner eligibility. Entries must be received by August 31, 2011. Adding photos to the **Visit Stockton!** group on Flickr™ and entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs to be published and used in online and offline marketing materials produced by the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Downtown Stockton Alliance and select travel partners. Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs. Photos will be credited where possible but cannot be guaranteed.

Submitting Entries

- Log on -- To submit your photos via Flickr™, use your Yahoo!® ID to log in to www.flickr.com. If you do not have an account, you can sign up for free. *If you have trouble using Flickr™ at any time, please consult their help files.*
- Join the Visit Stockton! group page at (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/visitstockton/>) by clicking the "Join This Group" button.
- The easiest way to add a photo to a group is to go to the photo's page for the photo you wish to submit and click the "**Send to Group**" button between the photo title and the photo. Then choose the group you want to send it to, and you're done!
- Tag it! Include the tag **VisitStockton2011**. If you do not tag your photos by the deadline, they will not be considered for the competition.
- Note: all photos will be subject to review before they appear in the Visit Stockton! group. Please wait at least three days for them to appear.
- Identify locations and events in captions of no more than 50 words per image.
- Upload images to Flickr™.com as publicly accessible, in the highest resolution you have available.
- Submit an official entry form and send by mail to: Visit Stockton! Photo Contest, Stockton CVB, PO Box 2336, Stockton, CA 95201 by August 31, 2011. If you send it by mail, please email contest@visitstockton.org to let us know you sent us the form by mail. Or you may scan the form into your computer and email it to: contest@visitstockton.org.

Guidelines

- Each entrant may submit up to 10 photos to the competition.

- Official entries will be judged by the **VisitStockton2011** tag. Entrants are encouraged to add an unlimited number of photos to the Visit Stockton! group and then tag the 10 images that they would like to be considered for official entry when the contest closes on August 31, 2011.
- Photo entries must be at least a large size on Flickr (about 750x1024) and not be protected from download during the contest.

Model Releases

Photos submitted to the Visit Stockton! photo contest will not be used for commercial use. Generally the primary subjects of submitted photos are friends and family members. If you believe the primary subject of your photo may require their permission to submit the photo containing their image, you may need a Model Release. To request one, please email contest@visitstockton.org

Judging

Winning entries will be selected by their depiction of Stockton as well as overall photo quality and must be received by August 31, 2011. The judging panel will include representatives from the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau and Downtown Stockton Alliance. Results will be announced no later than September 30, 2011. Categories without adequate entries may not be awarded.

Questions?

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to contest@visitstockton.org

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Mail this form to:

Visit Stockton! Photo Contest
PO Box 2336
Stockton, CA 95201

Fax: 209-938-1554

Scanned forms may be submitted to: contest@visitstockton.org

Official Entry Form

Submission of an entry to the contest automatically constitutes the contestant's acceptance of all conditions set forth in the contest rules, including granting publishing rights to the Stockton Convention & Visitors Bureau for its print and electronic marketing materials. These photographs may be used in any lawful manner, and I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name (please print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Flickr.com Member name: _____

Adult or Youth Category: _____

Photo Submission names:

Website: _____

PHOTO ENTRIES BY E-MAIL or MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED
For additional questions email contest@visitstockton.org