

AURORA  
News-Register &  
**HAMILTON**



**AMATEUR**

**PHOTO CONTEST**

**SUBMIT ENTRIES BY JULY 12**

# 2026 ENTRY FORM

(one form required for each photo entered at the ANR office)

For official rules  
**PRIZES & ENTRY FORM:**  
go to [auroranewsregister.com](http://auroranewsregister.com) & click



near the bottom of the Home Page

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if under 18 yrs old) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: (Check 1) Landscape \_\_\_\_\_ America 250 \_\_\_\_\_ Snapshot Nebraska \_\_\_\_\_

Aurora Borealis \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife/Pets \_\_\_\_\_

When and where photo was taken \_\_\_\_\_

Describe content photo, including names of everyone pictured:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, please get consent form from your legal guardian and include their info. & signature

Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Photos must be taken by Hamilton County residents. All entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on July 12 with a limit of three per person, per category. Winners must be able to provide proof of original digital images on request. Photos will be judged on composition, impact and creativity.

**Email Entries must be jpg in format and include all information requested on the entry form in the email.**

Once submitted, photos are subject to the use of Hamilton Telecommunications and The Aurora News-Register.

**Email entries to: [newspaper@hamilton.net](mailto:newspaper@hamilton.net)**

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**FINAL  
DEADLINE  
JULY 12  
11:59 pm**

# ***The Hamilton Telecommunications and Aurora News-Register Amateur Photo Contest Official Rules & Prizes***

**Entries will be judged on composition, impact and creativity.**

## **PRIZES:**

**Over-all Grand Prize: \$100**

**1st Place winners of each category: \$25**

**And other various prizes provided by sponsors**

**2nd Place winners of each category: \$10**

All winning photos and other selected photos will be displayed on Cobalt TV Channel 9.

Winning & select photos will also be published in The Aurora News-Register with a story announcing the winners to the public.

## **Rules:**

### **1.) We must have your Name, Address, Phone Number, and Email Address**

If you are under 18 we will need your age, and contact information of your legal guardian showing consent for you to enter.

### **2.) You must include the category each entry is intended for with a small description:**

**Categories: America 250, Snapshot Nebraska, Aurora Borealis, Landscape, Wildlife/Pets**

### **3.) You must be a Hamilton County resident**

### **4.) Each person can enter up to 3 photos per category**

### **5.) Entries must be received by July 12, 2026 at 11:59 p.m., either at the News-Register office or at [newspaper@hamilton.net](mailto:newspaper@hamilton.net)**

### **6.) To maintain amateur eligibility, you cannot exceed an annual income of \$2,500 for your photography.**

### **7.) Entries must be your own photography, you cannot enter a photo for a friend.**

### **8.) Entries should not have extensive editing. If it is obvious that your entry has special effects or editing done to it, the entry will be disqualified.**

### **9.) Winners must be able to provide the original negatives or digital images upon request.**

### **10.) Winners cannot get both first place and second place in the same category.**

**EMAIL ENTRIES: Photos emailed must be jpg in format. Include all information requested on entry form in the email. Make sure entry form is attached.**

**SEND TO: [newspaper@hamilton.net](mailto:newspaper@hamilton.net)**

**NOTE:** By entering your photos, you confirm that you have read and understand the rules for this photo contest. Your photo can be used by Hamilton Telecommunications and The Aurora News-Register.

Hamilton Telecommunications and The Aurora News-Register have permission to use your name or images in any and all publications; display, in print, on television and on the web without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity.

By entering you waive your right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy.

Additionally, by entering you waive your right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. You also release and forever discharge Hamilton Telecommunications and The Aurora News-Register from all claims, demands, and causes of action which you, your heirs, or any other persons acting on your behalf.