Vistoso
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

VCA PHOTO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

ELIGIBILITY
Vistoso Community Association (VCA) Photo Contest is open to all amateur, aspiring, and professional photographers who are members of the VCA in good standing. Contestants must be 18 years or older. Contestants under 18 years of age require the permission of parent or guardian.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
Contestants may submit one (1) entry for the competition. Digital pictures submitted will not be returned.

ENTRY DETAILS
Contestants in the VCA Photo Contest must download and complete the VCA Photo Contest Application form on the VCA website. Required information includes photographer's name, address, neighborhood, telephone number, and email address. By submitting your entry, you are agreeing to our rules and Terms and Conditions.

1. Photographs must be taken within the Rancho Vistoso Community Association area and should capture the beauty, character, or unique features of the community. Subjects may include wildlife, birds, native plants, desert landscapes, scenic views, parks, trails, architecture, community amenities, sunrises and sunsets, or other points of interest within Rancho Vistoso. Winning photograph will be displayed on the VCA website.
2. The photographer's name, neighborhood, and winning photograph will be announced in the VCA newsletter and VCA Fall Event on **Saturday, October 24, 2026** from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM at Moore Loop Park.
3. Photographs must be submitted via email to VistosoPhotos@ranchovistosohoa.com. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into the VCA Photo Contest.
4. All digital files must be 20 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or .jpg format, and must be at least 2000 x 1600 pixels in size.
5. Contestants must be prepared to provide a release form as described below in "Release."
6. The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contestant. By entering the VCA Photo Contest, Contestant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the Contestant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.
7. Normal photographic adjustments such as cropping, exposure, color correction and sharpening are permitted. AI-generated or substantially AI-altered images are not. Photos taken with smartphones or digital cameras are welcome.

8. Watermarks on photographs are not permitted.
9. Contestants submitting photographs for the VCA Photo Contest give the VCA consent to use submitted photograph in VCA related communications as outlined in "LICENSE" below.

The entries will be judged in accordance with the Judging Criteria, as defined below. All entries must be submitted and received by the stipulated date and time. Proof of submission will be the time and date of when the email with the application form and photograph is received.

JUDGING

VCA Photo Contest entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, beauty, and authenticity of the content.

Judging will be conducted by First Service Residential staff and members of the VCA Communications Committee. Winners will be announced at the VCA Fall Event on Saturday, October 24 2026 from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM at Moore Loop Park and in the November 2026 VCA Newsletter.

The VCA will notify the winners of the VCA Photo Contest through the contact information provided at the time of entry. The VCA reserves the right to disqualify anyone from receiving their prize if they fail to respond to the notification within seven (7) days or an alternate winner may be selected.

Decisions of the Judges are final and binding.

SPONSOR

AAA Landscaping has agreed to pay for the Amazon gift cards that will be awarded to the winners of the VCA Photo Contest. As part of the VCA's contract with AAA Landscape, they have agreed to gift up to $5,000 to help sponsor community events.

CONTEST PRIZES

1. First Place Winner
    - Receive $50 Amazon gift card
    - Winning photograph will be displayed in the VCA newsletter and/or website.
2. Second Place Winner
    - Receive $25 Amazon gift card
    - Winning photograph will be printed in the VCA newsletter and/or website.
3. Third Place Winner
    - Receive $25 Amazon gift card
    - Winning photograph will be printed in the VCA newsletter and/or website.

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By entering this contest Contestant agrees to sign up for the VCA Newsletter.

RELEASES

If the photograph contains any material or elements that are not owned by the Contestant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the Contestant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these Official Rules without additional compensation. If any person appearing in any photograph is under the age of 18 the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.

LICENSE

You retain your right to your photograph; however, by entering the VCA Photo Contest, you grant the VCA and those authorized by the VCA an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide non-exclusive license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in connection with the VCA Photo Contest and promotion of the VCA Photo Contest, in any media now or hereafter known, for no additional compensation, including, but not limited to: advertising and promotion, display at a potential exhibition of winners; publication of literature featuring select entries in the VCA Photo Contest; features on ranchovistosohoa.com, newspapers or online highlighting entries or winners of the VCA Photo Contest on the VCA website (the "License"). Any photography reproduced will include name credit.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

By entering The VCA Photo Contest, all Contestants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless the VCA and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents, officers, volunteers, directors, and representatives (the Indemnified Parties) from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in the VCA Photo Contest or any Contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder.

WINNERS LIST

Contestants are responsible for complying with these Official Rules. Winners' names and entries will be available online on the VCA website ranchovistosohoa.com. The VCA may select photos for highlights on its website or display in a publicly accessible contest archive; such selections will be made in the VCA's sole discretion.

DATA PRIVACY

Contestants agree that personal data, especially name and address, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the context of the VCA Photo Contest and any other purposes outlined in these Official Rules. The data may also be used by the VCA in order to verify the Contestant's identity, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the Contestant's eligibility to participate in the Photo Contest. We may also collect a photograph's metadata upon entry.

By entering