



LAKE PLACID INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS & HUMANITIES



24 Hours: A Photographic Interpretation of Life in the Adirondacks

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Give us your best shot! The Lake Placid Institute for the Arts & Humanities invites high school students in the Adirondack Park to participate in the annual photography exhibition, capturing a visual interpretation of their surroundings. Photos must be taken within the Adirondacks and represent one hour of the day.

GUIDELINES

- Eligibility: Students who reside or attend school in counties located (or partially located) in the Adirondack Park during the 2025-2026 school year are eligible. Students must be enrolled in Grades 9-12 (including public, private, or home schooling).
- Color or Black & White photos must be taken within the Adirondack Park and represent one hour of the day.
- Each student may submit up to 2 entries.
- Each photo must be accompanied by a short, 50-100 word essay describing the photographer's vision and what inspired them to take the photo.
- All entries must include the following information:
 - *Student's Name*
 - *School*
 - *Grade*
 - *Supervising Teacher's Name and Email Address*
 - *Title of photo*
 - *Date the photo was taken*
 - *Hour the photo was taken*
 - *Location of the photo*
 - *Type of camera used*
 - *"About the Artist" Bio (optional)*
- Photos must be able to be replicated in an 8" x 10" format.
Submissions that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted.

Submit at tinyurl.com/2526PhotoContest.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, February 2, 2026

The 2025-2026 contest will be juried by photographer Jonathan Zaharek.



Jonathan Zaharek is a professional landscape photographer based in the Adirondacks, with over a decade of experience capturing the natural beauty of some of the most rugged and remote wilderness areas. His work, which highlights the majestic scenery of the Adirondack High Peaks and beyond, has been featured in galleries and publications, showcasing his deep connection to the outdoors. Jonathan's photography career is marked by his commitment to exploring wild places, telling stories through his images, and pushing the boundaries of creativity and technique. As a full-time photographer, he also conducts workshops and produces nature films, further establishing his expertise and passion for the craft.

Selected Photos

- Three photos will be selected as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall winners, receiving cash prizes.
- Photos will also be selected for Honorable Mention and/or Juror's Choice.
- Selected photos will be prepared for exhibition and displayed in the Annex Gallery at Arts Center Lake Placid during the Middle/High School Art Show:

March 13 - April 4, 2026

Opening Celebration: Friday, March 13, 4-6 pm

- All photographers whose work is selected for exhibition will receive a book of the selected photographs.

Please feel free to distribute this information to other colleagues who may be interested in the contest.

If you have any questions, please contact Arts Center Gallery Manager Anya Villeneuve at anya@lakeplacidarts.org.

We look forward to receiving this year's student photography!



**ARTS CENTER
LAKE PLACID**

*The 2025-2026 24 Hours Photography Contest is presented by Lake Placid Institute
in partnership with Arts Center Lake Placid.*