2026 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Photo Contest

When:

The contest will begin on November 1, 2026, and run through November 15, 2026. All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. MT on November 15, 2026. Voting for the people's choice award will close on November 22, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. MT. Winners will be announced within two weeks of the contest submission end date.

Prizes:

1st Place *(approximate value $2,070+)*

- Two tickets to a 2027 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Field Trip*
- Allison Spencer Art Cards
- Antelope Island State Annual Park Pass and Sticker
- Bird Collective Black-necked Stilt Patch
- Brome Squirrel Buster Plus
- Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Tote Bag, RTIC Mug, Beanie, Ornament, and more!
- Maven Optics C3 ED Binoculars valued at $550
- Maven Optics Hat and Stickers
- Mpix Online Gift Certificate
- Nichols Photo Lab Gift Certificate and Swag
- Ogden Nature Center Family Pass and Gift Certificate
- One Fowl Swoop Card Game
- Pictureline Gift Card
- REI Flexlite Camp Chair
- Ruth's Chris Steak House Gift Certificate
- Susan Snyder "Black-necked Stilt" Canvas Bag and Tea Towel
- Tanner Frames Gift Certificate

2nd Place *(approximate value $1,050+)*

- Two tickets to the 2027 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Keynote Address & Dinner
- Allison Spencer Art Cards
- Antelope Island Day Use Pass and Sticker
- Avian Choice Bird Seed 20lb Bag
- Bartolo's Gift Card
- Bird Collective Snowy Plover Patch
- BLICK Art Materials Gift Certificate
- Brome Suet Feeder
- Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Tote Bag, RTIC Mug, Beanie, Ornament, and more!
- Hammock
- Maven Optics Hat
- Mpix Online Gift Certificate
- Nichols Photo Lab Gift Certificate and Swag
- Ogden's Eccles Dinosaur Park Family Pass
- Pictureline Gift Card
- Salty Sirens GSL Tea Towel
- Tanner Frames Gift Certificate
- Wildlife Center of Salt Lake Canvas Tote and Swag

3rd Place *(approximate value $475+)*

- Allison Spencer Art Card
- Antelope Island Day Use Pass and Sticker
- Applebee's Bar + Grill Gift Card
- Bird Collective Golden Eagle Patch
- BLICK Art Materials Gift Certificate
- Brome Nut Feeder
- Cornell Lab's Pocket Guide to Nests and Eggs of North American Backyard Birds
- Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Tote Bag, Ornament, and more!
- Maven Optics Hat
- Nichols Photo Lab Gift Certificate and Swag
- Ogden's Eccles Dinosaur Park Family Pass
- Pictureline Gift Card

People's Choice (*approximate value $200+)*

- Antelope Island Day Use Pass
- Banbury Cross Donut Certificate
- Bird Collective Redhead Patch
- Nichols Photo Lab Gift Certificate and Swag
- Pictureline Gift Card
- The Nature Conservancy Trucker Hat

**Two field trip tickets may be claimed for the winner and a guest of their choosing for one field trip only. The field trip must be hosted by Davis County and the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival. Field trips hosted in conjunction with the Festival by a third-party provider may not be claimed.*

How to Enter:

Please submit your photograph(s) and fill out your entry form on Woobox.com through this link: https://woobox.com/hn8fqh. An entry form will be required for each individual photo submission.

Submissions must be a high-resolution photograph (ideally, at least 300 dpi and 2,000 pixels on the longest side) in .jpeg or .png format. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.

You retain your rights to your photograph; however, by entering the contest, you grant the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival (and those authorized by Discover Davis) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of Discover Davis and its website, exhibition, events, and commercial products. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. Discover Davis and the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

Guidelines and Restrictions:

- Images must be submitted in .jpeg or .png format
- Images should be submitted with the highest quality with regard to file size, bit depth and resolution.
- Images must be taken in the state of Utah in the past 5 years, with special preference given to those in the Northern Utah area, specifically around or near the Great Salt Lake, Antelope Island, and the surrounding bird sanctuaries.
- Images should include a bird or birds.
- To be eligible for the contest, a photograph must have been shot by the entrant. The contestant certifies that he/she is the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted photograph.
- Images that have been submitted in past Great Salt Lake Bird Festival photo contests are not eligible for this contest.
- The submission must not contain material that is inappropriate, indecent, discriminatory, obscene, hateful, tortious, defamatory, slanderous or libelous, or contain material that is otherwise unlawful, in violation of or contrary to any applicable laws or regulations.
- Cropped photos are eligible in all categories. We do not accept digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos. Minor adjustments, including the removal of sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast, toning, slight color adjustment and conversion to grayscale are acceptable for all categories.
- Imagery produced, designed, or created using artificial intelligence of any kind is prohibited. Any entrants that utilize artificial intelligence will be disqualified and not eligible for prizes.
- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible. Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by Discover Davis in its sole discretion, are ineligible for this contest. Discover Davis has sole discretion to determine if a photo is eligible for entry into the contest.

We will notify winners via the contact information provided at the time of entry; Discover Davis may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days.

Ethics:
The welfare of a subject and its environment must be placed ahead of the desire to capture a photograph. Upon entering the contest, entrants certify that subjects were treated with respect and dignity, and that no people, wildlife or the environment were harmed in creating a photograph. If baiting was used to attract wildlife, or special equipment such as camera traps and drones used to capture the photograph, this must be disclosed. Live baiting of wildlife is not permitted.

Judging:
Photo entries for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be judged by a member of the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Committee and a photographer from outside of our organization. Entries will be judged based on creativity, quality and relevance to the Northern Utah area, specifically around or near the Great Salt Lake, Antelope Island, and the surrounding bird sanctuaries. Individuals may submit more than one photograph for judging, but may only be awarded one place.

The photo with the most votes within Woobox will be awarded as People's Choice winner. Please share with your family and friends to vote. You will only be allowed to vote once per photo, per day. The People's Choice prize may be awarded to an individual that places in the judged contest.

Prizes must be picked up at the Discover Davis office located at 28 East State Street, Suite 214 in Farmington, Utah 84025.

Contest Waiver:
I acknowledge that I have voluntarily and willingly provided Davis County with photograph(s). I hereby authorize Davis County, through Discover Davis and the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, to use the photographs I have provided for any County event, and grant a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of Discover Davis or the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival and its website, exhibition, events, and commercial products.

1. The photograph(s) may be used by Davis County and published in any medium—including but not limited to event posters, fliers, and the Internet—to promote Davis County, Discover Davis, the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, and associated events.
2. I hereby release and waive any and every claim for liability I may have against Davis County, Discover Davis, the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, its employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers, from any liability or claims arising in connection with the use of any part of the provided photograph(s), including but not limited to any claims for defamation, libel, invasion of privacy, plagiarism or right of publicity.

3. I understand and agree that any photographs provided to Davis County through Discover Davis and the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival may also be shared with other County Departments for the purpose of promoting or advertising upcoming events of a similar nature when such events are co-sponsored by multiple County Departments.

4. I understand and agree that I will not be paid for the use of the photograph(s).

5. Photographs used by Davis County will be retained according to the retention schedules established by Davis County in compliance with the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). Davis County retains the right to delete photographs at any time after the retention schedule.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and I am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release. I understand that I am

free to raise, either orally or in writing, any questions regarding this release prior to signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

Contact:
For further inquiries about the rules or how to enter, message us on social media or email GSLBirdFest@daviscountyutah.gov.