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YOUTH AND ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY SOUGHT IN LAGOON CONTEST

All Ages Invited to Submit Digital Images About Life and Explorations in San Elijo Lagoon

Encinitas—From now through March 31, adult and youth photographers are encouraged to enter the #LoveYourLagoon Photo Contest sponsored by San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, in partnership with MiraCosta College. All ages are encouraged to capture those vibrant moments that express San Elijo Lagoon's natural landscapes, plants, animals, and personal interactions.

First Place prizes will be awarded in adult and youth divisions by a panel of visual arts judges. A People's Choice award for overall best entry will be chosen by public vote. Winners will be announced in May. For more information and how to submit, the website is www.sanelijo.org/photocontest. There is a free workshop to fine-tune nature photography skills associated with the contest:

#LoveYourLagoon Photo Workshop & Tour

Sunday, February 28: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center

For those seeking higher quality outdoor photography skills, a free nature photo workshop and tour with photojournalist Jac Flanders will be held on February 28. Participants will learn tips on how to capture the best moments in nature with wildlife and people in focus. The workshop meets at the nature center, complete with a tour to test new skills in action. Photos taken during the tour will be encouraged for submission to the conservancy's #LoveYourLagoon photo contest. This workshop is free and ideal for ages 8+. Registration is limited to the first 25 participants. More information: www.sanelijo.org/photoworkshop

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*The mission of **San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy**, a nonprofit land trust, is to protect and restore the resources of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.*