

## **PICTURE SUBMISSIONS FOR VTX1 CALENDAR CONTEST**

Every year, VTX1 Companies publishes its VTCI Member calendar, highlighting the beauty and splendor within our cooperative exchange boundaries.

This year, we are asking for your help. If you're a VTCI member who likes taking photos or has a prized picture that you want the world to see, we'd like to consider it for publishing in our VTX1 Companies 2020 Calendar.

We are looking for landscapes, animals and everyday images from the VTCI exchange areas we serve. For areas that qualify for our contest, please visit <http://www.vtx1.net/service-area/>. Please note the areas designated on the map in blue, which are part of Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Pictures of individuals will not be accepted for contest purposes. Photo(s) must be sent digitally. Scanned images will also be accepted. Photo(s) must be landscape orientation, 300 to 600 dpi, minimum 3300 x 2550 pixels.

We'll pick up to three winners who will have the distinct honor of having their photographs be displayed for a designated month. Participants will be eligible to submit up to three photos, but only one can be chosen per participant.

Here are the details:

No Purchase, Payment or Entry Fee Necessary to Enter or to Win. A Purchase Will Not Improve Your Chances of Winning. Contest is Subject to All Federal, State and Local Laws, Rules and Regulations and is Void Where Prohibited.

**Contest Period:** The VTX1 Companies 2020 Calendar Contest (the Contest") begins on **August 19, 2019 at 12:00am Central Time** and all entries must be submitted by **11:59pm Central Time, September 29, 2019** (the "Contest Period").

**Eligibility:** The Contest is open to all amateur artists/photographers (i.e., hobby artists who create photography as a pastime rather than as a profession and whose livelihoods are not derived primarily from the sale of their photography) who are legal residents of the United States and who are VTCI members as of March 1, 2019.

**Each individual entrant may submit up to three (3) photographs. Each potential winner may have only one (1) photograph selected for the calendar.**

**Entry Terms and Conditions:** The aim of the Contest is to obtain original photographs related to the contest theme from amateur artists who are VTCI members to be published in the VTX1 Companies 2020 calendar. There is no fee to enter. The 2020 calendar entries will showcase the areas in which VTCI members live and or the animals that live there. Artists are requested to submit one to three images with original captions that depict this theme. You must take the following steps to enter the Contest.

**1.** Take or select a previously taken photograph that depicts the places and/or animals of the VTCI areas and include a written description.

**2. Fill out the online entry form: Between August 19, 2019 – September 29, 2019,** visit [www.vtx1.net/calendar-contest/](http://www.vtx1.net/calendar-contest/) to complete the entry form and to upload your Calendar Contest photo entry (ies).

**Note:** Each photograph you submit in the Contest must be your own original work and must have not been previously published in any commercial publication.

**3.** Submit your completed official Contest entry form. All entries must be submitted through the calendar contest online entry form by 11:59PM Central Time, September 29, 2019.

**Note:** Each photo entered requires a separate entry form, limited to three (3) per entrant.

Due to an expected high volume of entries, Sponsor will not be able to return any entry materials.

Sponsor will not be responsible for incomplete, illegible, unviewable, lost, or late entries, all of which will be disqualified. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entries by persons determined by Sponsor in

its sole discretion to be tampering with or abusing any aspect of the Contest. Sponsor further reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is alleged to infringe on any third-party's intellectual property or other rights, or that Sponsor deems to be, in its sole discretion, obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate for viewing by a general audience. The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received and the judges' scoring of those entries.

**Contest Prizes:** Depending on the final design of VTX1 Companies 2020 calendar, Sponsor will select a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) winners in the Contest. Each individual entrant may have only one (1) photograph selected for the calendar. A photograph of each winner's submission will be published in VTX1 Companies 2020 Calendar. **Winners will not receive any cash or other prizes in this Contest except for the publication of their winning entries as described in these Official Rules.**

### **Photograph Specifications and Permission to Use Entry Photography**

**Photograph specifications:** Each photograph must be in digital format between 8 - 20 megapixels (minimum 2550 x 3300 pixels). No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this Contest. All photographs must be high resolution (300dpi - 600dpi) JPEG or .jpg. Please note that photographs need not be taken with a digital camera: scans of negatives or transparencies are acceptable. Photographs that fail to meet these specifications will automatically be disqualified.

**Permission to Use Entry Photography:** By entering the Contest, each contestant agrees that Sponsor and its licensees may publish his or her captioned photograph in the VTX1 Companies 2020 calendar and any other use whatsoever, including the right to exhibit, copy, publish, make derivative works from or otherwise use his or her entry photograph and other entry materials for any purpose, in any media, in perpetuity, without limitation or additional permission or compensation, except where prohibited by law.

### **General Conditions**

**General Conditions:** Your entry in this Contest constitutes your consent to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor and the contest judges, and to the use of your entry information and your photography in accordance with these Official rules and the terms and conditions stated on the official Contest entry form. By entering the Contest, you agree to Sponsor's and its licensees' use of your name, likeness, and biographical information in any media for any commercial, advertising or trade purpose without limitation or further compensation, unless prohibited by law. By entering the Contest, you further agree to release and hold harmless Sponsor and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and promotional agencies, and all of their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, from any and all liability, claims, injuries, losses or damages of any kind arising from or in connection with your participation in the Contest. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate this Contest if it determines in its sole discretion that tampering, fraud, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of Sponsor has corrupted, compromised or impaired the security, integrity, fairness or proper operation of the Contest. All personal information received through your entry into this contest will be governed by Sponsor's privacy policy.



Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
VTX Communications, LLC

## Calendar Picture Release Form

I hereby grant to Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. and its affiliates (collectively, "VTX1 Companies"), and VTX1 Companies' employees, agents, successors and assigns (collectively with VTX1 Companies, "VTX1") the perpetual right to use any visual and related images submitted by me in connection with the VTX1 Calendar Contest and any other promotion. I warrant that I own all rights in the pictures and other submissions and that such pictures and submissions were duly authorized to be taken, used and submitted by me as my sole property.

Visual and related images are any type of photographs, digital images, drawings, renderings, or other video or data renderings or images. I agree that VTX1 owns the images and all rights related them. VTX1 has a royalty-free license to display, publish, reproduce, perform, alter, create derivative works from, or otherwise use the images in any manner or media, whether commercial or non-commercial, without notifying me, including but not limited to web sites, publications, promotions, broadcasts, public or private exhibitions, advertisements, posters, streaming media or any other medium, whether now known or later developed. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished images or any printed, recorded or electronic matter that may be used with them, or to be compensated for them.

I release VTX1 from any and all claims and liability arising out of or in connection with VTX1's use of my name or any pictures or images submitted by me including, without limitation, any and all claims for invasion of privacy, infringement of my right of publicity, defamation, and any other personal and/or other property rights, and I agree that I shall not now or in the future assert or maintain any such claim against VTX1. I agree this agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties with respect to this subject matter, is legally binding, and cannot be amended or revoked by me (or, if applicable, the minor described below) except by written agreement of the parties.

I warrant that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and that I am competent to enter this release in my own name, or that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor described below and have the full right and authority to grant this consent on behalf of such minor. I have read this release form before signing it and understand its contents, meaning, and impact, and I freely accept these terms.

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