

Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Community Photo Contest

Our View, Our Future

Official Contest Rules

Participants should read these Official Contest Rules before entering. By submitting an entry, participants agree to be bound by these rules.

1. Contest Period

The Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Community Photo Contest begins on **October 1, 2026**, and closes at 4:00 p.m. on **October 29, 2026**.

All entries must be received before the contest closing deadline. Late entries will not be considered.

2. Eligibility

The contest is open to members of the following seven participating First Nations:

- **Eagle Lake First Nation**
- **Fort William First Nation**
- **Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation**
- **Lac Seul First Nation**
- **Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation**
- **Ojibway Nation of Saugeen**
- **Seine River First Nation**

Employees, Board of Directors of Chi Mino Ozhitoowin and their immediate family members and/or the contest judging panel are not eligible to win.

No purchase is necessary to enter.

3. Purpose of the Contest

The purpose of the **Our View, Our Future Community Photo Contest** is to build an authentic collection of photographs that reflects the lands, waters and places of Chi Mino Ozhitoowin's seven participating First Nations.

Selected photographs may be considered for use in future Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Communications materials, including website content, newsletters, social media, presentations, reports, posters and other print or digital materials.

4. How to Enter

Participants may submit a maximum of **three photographs**.

Entries must be submitted by email to:

contests@cmo-fn.ca

Each submission must include:

- Participant's full name
- Participating First Nation
- Email address and/or telephone number
- Location where the photograph was taken
- A short title or description of the photograph

Photographs should be submitted at the highest available resolution and quality.

There is no fee to enter.

5. What We Are Looking For

Participants are encouraged to submit original photographs that reflect the lands, waters, landscapes and recognizable places of their communities.

Examples may include:

- Landscapes
- Lakes, rivers and shorelines
- Forests and plant life
- Seasonal scenery
- Sunrises and sunsets
- Wildlife
- Community landscapes and landmarks
- Other scenic images that reflect connection to land, water and community

The primary focus of the contest is scenic photography.

6. Photo Requirements

Each photograph submitted must:

- Be an original photograph taken by the participant;
- Be owned by the participant submitting it;
- Not infringe on another person's copyright or intellectual property;
- Be suitable for public and organizational Communications use;
- Accurately represent the community or location identified in the submission; and
- Comply with these Official Contest Rules.

Photographs containing clearly identifiable individuals should only be submitted where the photographer has received appropriate permission from those individuals.

Photographs must respect the safety, privacy and dignity of children and youth. Images depicting nudity, sexual content, exploitation, abuse, humiliation or unsafe situations involving children or youth will not be accepted. Permission from a parent or legal guardian is required for the submission and intended use of photographs featuring identifiable children or youth under 18.

Participants should not submit photographs of ceremonies, sacred items, culturally sensitive locations, cultural practices or other culturally sensitive subject matter without the appropriate permissions.

Chi Mino Ozhitoowin reserves the right to exclude any entry it considers inappropriate, offensive, culturally sensitive, unsafe, misleading or inconsistent with the purpose of the contest.

7. Judging

This is a **judged photography contest**. Winners will not be selected by random draw.

Eligible entries will be reviewed by a Chi Mino Ozhitoowin judging panel.

Photographs will be evaluated based on:

- **Overall quality and composition – 30%**
- **Connection to community, land or place – 30%**
- **Originality and visual impact – 20%**
- **Suitability for future Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Communications materials – 20%**

The photograph receiving the highest overall score will be selected as the Grand Prize winner.

The Second & Third Prize Winners, the next highest-scoring eligible entries, will be selected accordingly.

In the event of a tie, the judging panel will reassess the tied photographs based on overall connection to community, land or place.

The decision of the judging panel will be final.

8. Prize -THREE prize(s) will be awarded.

1 Grand Prize: Ultimate Outdoor Living Package

1 Blackstone 36" Griddle with Air Fryer - \$1299.99

1 Blackstone Griddle Protective Cover – \$89.99

1 Aegan 42" Gas Fire Put Table - \$1099.99

1 Ninja FrostVault Cooler - \$329.99

Approximate Retail Value:

\$2900.00

Additional Prize(s):

1 SECOND Place Prize Winner: Outdoor Adventure & Tech Package

1 Garmin in Reach Messenger Plus - \$729.99

1 Ninja FrostVault Cooler - \$329.00

Approximate Retail Value \$1059.98

1 THIRD Place Prize Winner: Outdoor Cooking Package

1 Ninja Woodfire Pro Connect XL Smart Grille/Smoker - \$579.99

1 Ninja Woodfire UV/Water Resistant Premium Outdoor BBQ Grill Cover - \$29.99

1 Ninja Woodfire Pellets, all-purpose blend – 2lbs - \$19.99

Approximate Retail Value \$629.98

Prizes must be accepted as awarded and cannot be redeemed or exchanged for cash.

9. Ownership and Permission to Use Photographs

Participants retain ownership of the original photographs they submit.

By entering the contest, each participant grants Chi Mino Ozhitoowin non-exclusive, royalty-free permission to reproduce, publish, display, crop, resize and otherwise use submitted photographs for organizational Communications and promotional purposes.

This may include:

- Website content
- Social media
- Newsletters
- Reports
- Presentations
- Posters
- Advertisements
- Brochures
- Community and stakeholder Communications
- Other Chi Mino Ozhitoowin digital and print materials

There will be no additional compensation for future use of submitted photographs.

Photographer credit will be provided whenever practical.

Submission of a photograph does not guarantee that the photograph will be selected as a winner or used in future Communications materials.

10. Winner Notification

Selected winner(s) will be contacted directly using the contact information provided with their entry.

A selected winner must respond within **five business days** of being contacted.

If Chi Mino Ozhitoowin is unable to contact a selected winner within that period, or if the selected entrant is found to be ineligible or unable to accept the prize, Chi Mino Ozhitoowin may select the next highest-scoring eligible entry.

11. Winner Announcement

Winner names, participating First Nations and selected photographs may be announced through:

- Chi Mino Ozhitoowin's website
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Newsletter
- Other organizational Communications channels

By accepting a prize, the winner agrees that their name, participating First Nation and winning photograph may be used for contest-related recognition and promotion.

12. Privacy

Personal information collected through the contest will be used for contest administration, entrant communication, winner selection, prize distribution and related contest promotion.

Participant contact information will not be publicly shared.

13. General Conditions

Chi Mino Ozhitoowin reserves the right to:

- Verify the eligibility and authenticity of an entry;
- Request additional information relating to a submission;
- Disqualify an entry that does not comply with these rules;
- Cancel, extend, modify or suspend the contest if circumstances affect its fair or proper administration; and
- Make reasonable decisions necessary for administration of the contest.

By participating, entrants acknowledge that they have read, understood and agreed to these Official Contest Rules.

Questions

Questions regarding the Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Community Photo Contest can be directed to: contests@cmo-fn.ca