



Fall Fest Photographic competition—entitled:

“What does Fort Dodge mean to you?”

Entry form: Please complete in black ink and print all details clearly.

Picture Title _____

Brief description _____

I, _____ (print name) Age _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email Address _____

Signed _____

Would you like your photograph available for purchase?

YES (circle one) NO PRICE _____

\$100.00 BEST IN SHOW

1st Prize \$75.00

2nd Prize \$50.00

3rd Prize \$25.00

Youth (16 and younger)

1st Prize \$50.00

2nd Prize \$25.00

3rd Prize \$10.00

**Please submit completed entry form with photograph on or before
Friday, September 12th at 5:00 PM to:**

Fort Dodge Area Chamber of Commerce
1406 Central Avenue
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
Phone: (515) 955-5500
Attn: Lindsay Nevins

**Entries will be exhibited at the Fort Dodge Public Library during Fall Fest which is located at:
424 Central Avenue, downtown Fort Dodge.**

**For questions or more information, please contact Lindsay Nevins at (515) 955-5500 or
programs@fortdodgechamber.com**



Photo Competition Guidelines

Photo Competition deadline is September 12.

Photographic Competition – entitled: *“What does Fort Dodge mean to you?”*

RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

You and members of your organization are invited to enter photographs in the Fall Fest photo competition, which is entitled *“What does Fort Dodge mean to you?”* You are to take pictures of community activities throughout Fort Dodge. Examples: fishing, softball games, picnics, summer concerts, and summertime fun and activities. The competition will take place at the Fort Dodge Public Library during Fall Fest.

Your photograph must be located in the City of Fort Dodge. Submitted photographs must be matted. Submit both the form and photograph to the address listed below.

Additional entry forms can be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.fortdodgechamber.com/fallfest.htm>

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Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501

Below are some guidelines for Fall Fest Photo Competition:

- All photographers, whether professional, amateur, or “wannabes” are welcome.
- The photographs must showcase Fort Dodge activities. The subject of the photograph must be in Fort Dodge.
- All submitted photographs will become the property of Fort Dodge chamber of commerce, which intends to use the photographs for promoting the City of Fort Dodge and what Fort Dodge has to offer the community. In addition, attendees at the event will be able to purchase submitted photos and all proceeds will go to defray the costs of Fall Fest.
- All submitted photographs must be clearly marked with the name, address, email, and phone number of the participant. Each photograph must be submitted with an entry form.
- There is a limit of three (3) entries per participant. Participants need not be present to win.
- All photos must be **MATTED** and the actual photograph must be 8x10 inches. Photos can either be in color or black and white.
- The Matted photograph and entry form must be delivered to the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce no later than September 12th.
- Judges and chamber staff are ineligible for prizes.
- Local “celebrity” judges will choose the winning photos. Prizes for the winners of the competition will be listed on our website:

<http://www.fortdodgechamber.com/fallfest.htm>

As we celebrate Fall Fest and the City of Fort Dodge during 2009, it is our hope that we will have record-breaking attendance for this year’s event, so please mark Saturday, September 19 on your calendar!

Thank you in advance for your participation in Fall Fest this year. If you have any questions about this event or the photo competition, please contact:

Lindsay Nevins at (515) 955-5500 or programs@fortdodgechamber.com

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Judging Criteria

While adhering to the rules that are provided in the Contest Rules and Entry Form may be the first step for entry into the contest, there are many other factors which guide the judges in deciding which photos are worthy of prizes. This criteria includes:

- **Photo 'fit' and relevance to topic** - Is the photo an obvious illustration of *what Fort Dodge means to you*?
- **Composition / Arrangement** - Are the items of interest placed well in the photo? Are there distracting elements?
- **Focus / Sharpness** - Is the object of the photo in focus? If not in sharp focus, does it appear to be an intentional effect to enhance the image in some "artistic" way?
- **Lighting** - Did the photographer use proper lighting of the subject matter? Do any extremes of darkness or brightness lend to or detract from the image content?
- **Creativity** - Does the photographer show some creative thought or original idea in the making of this image? Is the subject matter pictured in a unique way or is a common item shown from an interesting point-of-view? Has the photographer used light in interesting ways?
- **Overall Impression** - Is the photo able to grab the viewer's attention and hold it? What is the 'wow' factor? Are there any special effects, or extras?

Using the above criteria as a guide, along with the judges own knowledge of photography. Prizes awarded for:

Best in Show, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Youth: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Good luck and happy photographing!

Ways to Volunteer

To get involved, send us an email at programs@fortdodgechamber.com with your interests and skills. Someone will contact you to with an opportunity that will best meet your interests and skills.