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Press Release

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Accokeek Foundation Announces 50th Anniversary Photo Contest

Since 1957 the Accokeek Foundation has provided a haven of natural tranquility near bustling Washington D.C. We provide the community an opportunity to connect with the region's history and its future. At the National Colonial Farm visitors can step into the past and find out what life was like for a typical tobacco-planting family on the eve of the American Revolution. At the Ecosystem Farm visitors can see sustainable organic farming methods at work. Throughout the Park, visitors can enjoy breathtaking views of the Maryland countryside, stroll along the hiking trails, observe the wildlife in its natural habitat, and fish from the pier. Annual special events explore themes beyond the boundaries of the everyday programs. Through music, storytelling, lectures and demonstrations, the past and future come to life. **To commemorate our 50th Anniversary, we are having a photo contest, encouraging the community to experience the Accokeek Foundation.**

The Accokeek Foundation's 50th Anniversary Photo Contest is open to any photographers, professional or amateur, with the exception of employees (and their immediate families) and members of the Board of Trustees of the Accokeek Foundation.

Any photo can win! Photos will be judged on overall photographic and artistic quality. The photo's sharpness will be judged relative to the film size only. Judging will be conducted by a team of photographers and artists. Decisions of the judges will be final. Each category will have a first place winner with a prize. Second, and third will receive ribbons. A Best in Show will be chosen from all the photographs received.

Winners will be announced at Winters Eve, December 8, 2007. During the first two weeks of December all photographs will be on display in the Education Center for visitors to view. Each entry will receive admission for four (4) to Winters Eve with the opportunity to view the photo exhibit.

The six contest categories represent the Accokeek Foundation:

- Scenic
- People
- Animals
- National Colonial Farm

- Ecosystem Farm
- Youth Photographer under the age of 17 — any of the above categories

Photographs must have been taken at the Accokeek Foundation anytime since 1957 and may be in color or black and white.

- Only photographs that have not been previously published will be accepted.
- All entrants must hold all rights to a photograph.
- Photos containing an image of someone that is recognizable must secure a model release from the subject, or in the case of a minor, from the parent or guardian. (This release must be provided to the Accokeek Foundation if requested.)
- No more than two entries per category per person.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.
- No digitally enhanced, altered or scanned photographs will be accepted. Minor adjustments such as elimination of red eye are acceptable. If the judges see that a photograph has obviously been altered, they reserve the right to disqualify it.
- All digital entries must be submitted on a disc. Multiple entries may be submitted on the same disc. Entries must conform to the following format:
 - JPEG or TIFF
 - 300dpi
 - Total size must be able to be print an approximately an 8 x 10 image
- Entries are accepted in print, color or black and white, taken with a 35 mm camera, Advanced Photo System film camera or digital still camera.
- Print dimensions should be 8 x 10 inches or 11 x 14 inches. Negatives and slides are not accepted; however, you must provide the slide or negative of the photograph, if requested.
- The Accokeek Foundation reserves the right to publish any photo entries in the 50th Anniversary Photo Contest, whether submitted in print or online. Any photograph that is reproduced will include a photographer credit.
- Photographs depicting nudity, violence or that are sexually suggestive will not be accepted.
- The Accokeek Foundation is not responsible for lost or misdirected entries.
- We apologize; however, all photographs become the property of the Accokeek Foundation. No entries will be returned to entrants under any circumstances, even if a stamped self addressed envelope is provided.
- **Entries must be received no later than November 24, 2007.**

Please mail photographs, discs and entry form to:

Accokeek Foundation

Attn: 50th Anniversary Photo Contest

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Please note that by submitting your image, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of the contest. Official contest rules and entry form can be obtained by visiting www.accokeek.org or by calling 301.283.2113.

For information about events at the Accokeek Foundation, please visit www.accokeek.org.

Founded almost fifty years ago to protect the view across the Potomac River from Mount Vernon, the Accokeek Foundation, an educational non-profit, became one of the nation's first land trusts. Today, the Foundation stewards 200 acres of Piscataway National Park in Accokeek, Maryland, where visitors can hike a network of trails winding through wetlands, visit a native tree arboretum, and observe an award-winning forest restoration project. To emphasize the connection between nature and history, part of the site includes the National Colonial Farm, a living history museum that depicts a Maryland middle-class family farm on the eve of the American Revolution. Nearly extinct historic crops and animals are preserved here for future generations. The Foundation's organic Ecosystem Farm emphasizes the future of agriculture as organic farmers learn the tools of a new trade, practice sustainable use of natural resources, and shares of the farms produce are sold to households in the community. The park's beautiful grounds, trails and programs are open to the public year round.

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