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2018 "Capture the Earth" Photo Contest Announced

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 26, 2018) - The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet invites student photographers in middle school (grades 6-8) to submit an original photograph for the "Capture the Earth" environmental photo contest. The winner will receive one nights lodging at any Kentucky State Resort Park with his or her family.

Second place will receive an Elk Tour for two at Jenny Wiley State Park. Judges will look for originality and creativity.

Please send your photo by email as an attachment to Carrie.Searcy@ky.gov.
Your photograph must be saved as a jpeg file. File sizes may not exceed 5MB.

The subject line of your email should read STUDENT EARTH DAY PHOTO CONTEST.

Please include in the body of the email:

- Your name, age and grade;
- Your parent or guardian's email address and phone number;
- The name of your school and the county where it is located;
- Where and when the photo was taken

Contest begins at 12:01 a.m. on Feb 19 at 12 a.m. Photos may be submitted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018. Only electronic submissions are eligible. Limit one entry per student. The Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, or entries not received for any reason. Entries become sole property of EEC, and none will be acknowledged or returned. By entering, entrant warrants that the entry (1) is original and does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party, (2) has not been published in any medium and (3) has not won an award.

The photo contest is open to all Kentucky middle school students. The video contest is open to all Kentucky high school students. Email Carrie.Searcy@ky.gov or telephone 502-782-7064 for more information.

All entries will be judged by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet communications staff based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and originality (50 percent)
- Photo composition (25 percent)
- Appropriateness to contest theme (25 percent)
- DEADLINE: Send in your photo or video by 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2018.

Please see flyer below for more details.

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- A paragraph on how your photo celebrates the beauty and diversity of Kentucky and encourages others to care about the state's environment through stewardship and conservation.
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Judging

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Meghan Ratliff's photograph of "Sunrise at Jenny Wiley State Park." made her the first place winner of the 2018 Capture the Earth photo contest.

