



Calling all Palmetto Bay High School Students (9-12th Grade)!

The Village of Palmetto Bay invites High School students residing in Palmetto Bay to be a part of the **2018 Student Photography Contest!** The winning photograph will be selected for the front cover of the **Village of Parks Play-by-Play Recreation Guide** winter edition that's mailed to over 10,000 residents! We encourage students to capture the positive life in Palmetto Bay while depicting the annual Florida Recreation & Parks Association "Its Starts in Parks" initiative. This year's theme is:

"Community"

What is "It Starts in Parks" (ISIP)? *"It Starts in Parks" is an initiative of the Florida Recreation and Park Association intended to better position parks and recreation in the future to be recognized and supported for the important benefits and services provided by the profession, to citizens of and visitors to the state of Florida. The intended outcome of the initiative is that people in the state of Florida will know, value and support the profession of parks and recreation.*

The "It Starts in Parks" initiative supports three pillars of the value of parks and recreation. Each word can be expanded to include the plethora of benefits provided by parks and recreation agencies throughout the State of Florida. This year's Student Photography Contest theme will focus on one of the pillars: **Community (investment and enrichment)**

Defining the "Community" theme- Florida's parks have become an integral component to economic development as well as an investment in the arts and cultural growth within our communities. Parks provide the setting for social events large and small where people can connect with each other, and participate in classes and group activities for personal enrichment. Parks also provide an investment in infrastructure needed to accommodate revenue generating sporting events and tourism, benefiting the local economy and community as a whole.

In Palmetto Bay, we're encouraging the students to engage with the community and focus on photos capturing the Village's beautiful parks, the coastline, native flora or fauna, and/or residents and visitors exploring and enjoying the "Village of Parks".

2018 Student Photography Contest Rules:

- Entry must be original work created by a high school student (9-12th grade) who resides in Palmetto Bay.
- Student must register for the photography contest online, electronically submit the photo, and submit the mounted photograph (hand delivered or mailed to Village Hall) before the **DEADLINE date: Friday, September 28, 2018. If hand-delivering the mounted photograph, Village Hall Hours of Operation is Monday-Friday; 8:30am to 5pm and closed on holidays. If mailing the mounted photograph, the postmark date is the same as the DEADLINE DATE. Please include: ATTN: Parks & Recreation Dept. on the mailing envelope. THE DEADLINE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED!**
- Photography submitted must be of people and/or scenes taken within the municipal boundaries of Palmetto Bay (between 136th street and 184th street and US1 to the Bay)
- Work submitted for consideration must follow these specifications for submittal:
 1. Photograph **may be in color, black/white, etc.** Photograph must be related to the contest theme, and be appropriate in nature. Note: *If models, patrons, etc. are used in the photo, you will be required to get verbal consent from the individual being photographed before signing the photo waiver (this waiver is available at the time of your online registration). By receiving the verbal consent from the patron(s), model(s), etc., he/she/they agree that their photo may be used by the Village of Palmetto Bay for marketing and printing purposes.*

2. Dimensions of Photograph must be a minimum of 8"x10" and maximum of 11"x17". Photograph must be mounted on a **black matte board**. **Please tape an index card** on the back of the board with the following information: *First & Last Name, Student ID #, Name of School, Photography Teacher (if applicable), and Date. Please do not write information directly on the back of the board/photo.*
4. Photograph must be electronically submitted (uploaded on the online registration form) as a **JPEG or PNG file format with a resolution of 300 DPI.**

- You may visit the Florida Recreation & Parks Association (FRPA) website for more information, ideas, and examples on this year's theme. Visit <http://www.frpa.org/isip/isipwhat>
- Students who **do not** follow the **above specifications** for the photograph submittal, provide an incomplete submittal, or submit late work **will be disqualified** from the contest.

All entries become the sole property of the Village of Palmetto Bay and may be used for publicity purposes. The goal is to obtain photographs for display at the Village Parks and/or walls of honor at Village Hall, on Village websites and/or future village publications. All entries will then be judged by a team selected from various Village boards/committees, public/private school representatives, and Village Council/Staff.

The contest opens on **Saturday, September 1, 2018**. The winners will be notified via email no later than Wednesday, October 10th. The winners will be publicly announced and recognized during the Mayor's State of the Village Address tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, October 24th, 2018**. Results will be posted on the Village of Palmetto Bay's website and social media outlets.

Winning Prizes: 1st place: \$500, Certificate of Achievement, and photograph selected for the front cover of the *Village of Parks Play-by-Play Recreation Guide* winter edition; **2nd Place:** \$250 and Certificate of Achievement and **3rd Place:** \$100 and Certificate of Achievement.

Student Photography Contest Entry Deadline is Friday, September 28th, 2018

