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## The American Chestnut Foundation Photo Contest

Asheville, NC—The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) is sponsoring its first annual photo contest. Submit your best chestnut-related photo by July 15, 2009 and receive a complimentary membership to the leading organization in chestnut restoration. American chestnut trees, leaves, burs, stumps, furniture, and architecture, and are all excellent subjects for an entry into this year's contest. Since people are TACF's most important resource, all entrants are highly encouraged to include people in the photographs they submit for consideration.

The top twenty entries will be displayed at TACF's annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in October, and TACF members will judge the finalists to determine a winner. The winning photograph will be placed on permanent display at TACF's national headquarters in Asheville and all finalists will be featured on the Foundation's website over the course of year.

“With so many people outdoors at this time of year and with the rich history of the American chestnut tree in this region, we hope to receive some outstanding photographs of chestnut-related scenes,” said Meghan Jordan, TACF's Director of Communications.

### **Contest Rules**

Photos should be sent digitally on cd and postmarked by July 15, 2009 to:

**The American Chestnut Foundation, ATTN: Photo Contest, 160 Zillicoa Street, Suite D, Asheville, NC 28801**

Write your name, address, and telephone number on the CD, as well as “Entry for TACF Photo Contest”. All photos must have been taken by you and not previously published or submitted to any other contest.

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All photo entries must be submitted with subject and location information. All photos must in some way relate to the American chestnut. Entries must be at least 1920 x 1080i or 1550 x 720p and in a .jpeg or a .tiff format. Entries that do not meet these terms are subject to disqualification. For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must secure a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian, and provide it to TACF along with the entry. A model release form is available by request at 828-281-0047 ext. 301.

### **About TACF**

The American Chestnut Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Asheville, NC. It has nearly 6,000 members and chapters in 17 states. The demise of the American chestnut tree due to chestnut blight has been called the greatest ecological disasters of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. TACF was established in 1983 with the sole purpose of restoring this majestic tree to its native forests in the eastern United States. Today, TACF's four research farms encompass nearly 160 acres and more than 60,000 American and Chinese chestnut trees which are part of its national breeding program. For more information about TACF or volunteering to help restore the American chestnut, visit our website at [www.acf.org](http://www.acf.org).

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