



# Maine Outdoor Youth Movie Festival

THEME: WHY BEING OUTSIDE MATTERS!

Organized in conjunction with Maine's "Take It Outside!" Initiative  
([www.take-it-outside.org](http://www.take-it-outside.org))

The Maine Outdoor Youth Movie Festival is accepting submissions for short movies (maximum 10 minutes) from Maine residents ages 19 and under that capture Mainers' outdoor experiences and connection to the outdoors – answering the question: "Why being outside matters".

**Submissions must be received by September 19, 2008**

Winning pieces(s) will be screened publicly and awards presented on October 2, 2008 at the *Governor's Conference on Youth and the Natural World* at the Augusta Civic Center during a lunchtime program.

***All submissions must be in digital format, submitted via YouTube or by digital DVD***

Email YouTube links to:

[bwentzell@outdoors.org](mailto:bwentzell@outdoors.org)

Mail entry form (or DVD submissions) to:

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Appalachian Mountain Club  
14 Maine Street, Box 57  
Brunswick, ME 04011

***Submission deadline: September 19***

Winners are selected by a qualified panel of judges based on the guidelines outlined below. Winners will be contacted by phone or email by September 24 and invited to the October 2nd Governor's Conference at the Augusta Civic Center. All entries selected will become part of the Maine Outdoor Youth Movie Festival and available for public showings. Please contact Carol Leone of Teens To Trails ([teens2trails@gwi.net](mailto:teens2trails@gwi.net)) to arrange a festival showing in your town or school.

## **GUIDELINES**

Judges will be looking for:

- ✓ Films about children, teens and families experiencing the outdoors

- ✓ Films that describe or demonstrate the value of engaging young people in the outdoors, including personal interviews & testimonials
- ✓ Outdoor activities of all types, particularly those that involve physical activity and are broadly inclusive
- ✓ Films that inspire others to get outdoors
- ✓ Quality content and an original idea. Judges will *consider technique last* and are not interested in spoofs, bloopers, imitations or a high level of special effects.

Will not be accepted:

Films showing:

- ✓ Dangerous, reckless or illegal behavior
- ✓ Use, or depiction of use of drugs or alcohol
- ✓ Profane language

**RULES:**

The entire production must be the work of the person or persons entering the competition. There is no age limit for actors, documentary subjects, or musicians who may appear in the production. Whenever possible, we urge students to use original music, copyright free music, or music they have obtained permission to use. The MOYMF is an educational event and we encourage teachers, artists, and other advisors to work with these young moviemakers. The actual movie production and editorial decisions must be made by the entrant.

PLEASE MAKE SURE DVD SUBMISSIONS WORK. PLAY IT BEFORE MAILING.

**PRIZES:**

Prizes include an Annual Individual or Family Membership with the Appalachian Mountain Club, \$50 gift certificate for L.L.Bean, and an Annual Pass for Maine State Parks.

## Entry Form

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Title of Movie \_\_\_\_\_

Running time \_\_\_\_\_ minutes (Entries must be less than 10 minutes in length)

Name of Entrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ (oldest person, if group production)

List of co-moviemakers of entered movie (attach page if necessary)

School You Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Home Contact Information

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Technical information for submitted entry (check appropriate information):

Video: DVD \_\_\_ Mini-DV \_\_\_ YouTube \_\_\_\_\_ Sound: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Format your movie was originally filmed/recorded on \_\_\_\_\_

All Moviemakers should provide in the space below a capsule statement indicating who contributed to the making of your movie, and if applicable, the name or nature of the event documented.

I agree to have my video be part of the Maine Outdoor Youth Movie Festival compilation DVD that may be for sale. All proceeds go to supporting the MOYMF.

Yes \_\_\_ (check if agree) No \_\_\_ (check if do NOT want to be part of the DVD)

Special Instructions:

Submit one entry form for each work entered.

Label all DVDs with the TITLE, ENTRANT'S NAME, and RUNNING TIME.

Winners & finalists receive a certificate of merit.

General Rules:

1. Anyone 19 years of age or younger who is a resident of Maine and in grades K-12 is eligible.

2. The judges have final say in giving awards and they may expand or delete the number of awards in any given year.
4. The organizers and the cooperating organizations cannot be responsible for loss or damage of your entry.
5. The organizers shall have the right to make and use duplicate DVDs, and digital media of entered movies for publicity and promotion in all formats and distribution outlets including broadcast, cable cast, internet, and future distribution and exhibition formats.
6. The judges decisions are final.

**Declaration of entry**

A parent or teacher must sign below.

I am entering this competition as the author or co-author of the above movie. I have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.

Moviemaker's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name and date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or teacher: I affirm that I am the parent, guardian, or teacher of

\_\_\_\_\_

(name of entrant) who enters this Festival with my approval and, I believe, in adherence to the rules.

Signature of parent or teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name and date \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS: Bryan Wentzell, AMC, 725-2248, [bwentzell@outdoors.org](mailto:bwentzell@outdoors.org)