STEELE CREEK PARK WILDLIFE WEEKEND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park (FSCNCP) will again be sponsoring an amateur photography contest and show. The event will be held in conjunction with the annual Wildlife Weekend celebration at Steele Creek Park. Amateur photographers of all ages, including children and teens, are encouraged to participate. Eligible photographs must be taken at Steele Creek Park in Bristol, Tennessee and focused on the natural aspects of the park. Prizes will be awarded, based on the general interest, creativity, and technical merits of the photographs. Professional and/or experienced amateur photographers from the Bristol area will serve on the judges panel. All entries will be displayed at the Wildlife Weekend celebration, scheduled for October 15 - 16 at Steele Creek Park. This annual event features a variety of speakers, interpretive walks, and other activities relating to the natural history of the park and the region.

According to Sonie Schermer, President of the Friends organization, "Our photography contest and show has become a popular part of Wildlife Weekend involving photographers from the surrounding areas of all ages, from youngest to oldest, and at all ability levels.” Schermer continued, “The Park is such a photogenic wonderland. It offers a wide diversity of subjects to catch any photographer’s interest or fancy.”

The deadline for submitting photographs is Friday, October 1, 2010. Rules and application forms are available at the Steele Creek Park Nature Center, the Bristol Tennessee Department of Parks and Recreation at the Slater Center on McDowell St., and Mountain Sports Ltd. on Commonwealth Avenue. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Friends website at: http://www.friendsofsteelecreek.org, or may be requested by e-mail from mail@friendsofsteelecreek.org. For more information contact: Robin Feierabend 423-764-3336