



spartans Abroad 2008 Photo Contest

ENTRY FORM

Thank you for entering the 2008 Spartans Abroad Photo Contest! Your photos will be evaluated by a team of judges from across campus (OSA staff do not judge photos) and may be selected among hundreds of inspiring photos to win a top prize in the contest. Winning photographs will be displayed at Study Abroad Fairs, included in future OSA publications/videos, and showcased on the OSA Web site.

By entering the contest you will be giving OSA permission to use your photo(s) in various marketing activities, publications, and/or on the Web for the purpose of promoting study abroad at Michigan State University. This means all photos, not just winning entries, will be eligible for inclusion in such activities.

To enter, read the rules of the contest below, complete the form on the back, and return the form to OSA by **November 3, 2008**.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Entrants must be students who have participated in, and earned credit in, an MSU-sponsored study abroad program. This includes current students as well as recent graduates; MSU students as well as students from other universities who went on an MSU program.

Photos must be original work (no professional photos will be accepted) and have been taken by the entrant during the entrant's study abroad program or by another participant on the entrant's program.

A maximum of two photos may be submitted per entrant.

Photos may be color, black & white, or sepia, and may be submitted as prints or digital images.

DIGITAL IMAGES:

- ✓ may be submitted on disk or e-mailed to bennerc@msu.edu
- ✓ should have a resolution of 300 dpi or higher

PRINTS:

- ✓ will not be returned and must include the following labeled on the back of each photo:
(do not use markers as they may smear on your photos)
 - ☺ Entrant's name
 - ☺ Location of the photo (be as specific as possible)
 - ☺ Identification of any student(s) in the photo (be sure you have permission)

A completed official entry form must accompany every entry. If submitting digital photos via e-mail, your entry form may be scanned and submitted with your photo(s).

If submitting a digital photo on disk, you must also submit a printout of your photo(s) so we can verify the photo on the disk corresponds with your entry. These printouts do not need to be on photo paper and can be produced in black & white from any printer.

Entries must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., November 3, 2008** to the Office of Study Abroad, 105 International Center. Entries received **after the deadline will not be eligible** so be sure to allow plenty of time if submitting entries via mail or e-mail.

AWARDS

Winning entries will be selected based on the best quality photographs in the two categories – People and Places. The criteria for each category are as follows:

PEOPLE: Photos should capture images of **students interacting with local populations** and should portray the essence of the entrant's study abroad experience

PLACES: Photos should be of a landmark or landscape that is **clearly identifiable as an international location**

Winners will be notified by e-mail in mid-November and will be officially announced during International Education Week on Friday, November 21, 2008. Negatives or original digital images may be required, especially if entrant has been chosen for a top prize. It is strongly suggested that entrants have their negatives or original images easily accessible in the event they are chosen as a winner.

Only one award per entrant will be given.

Judges decisions are final.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in both categories, as well as an overall "Grand Prize." Honorable Mention awards may also be given. A complete list of prizes and their sponsors can be found on the Web <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/photocontest.html>. (NOTE: If you live out of the area, please be advised most prizes are donated by local East Lansing/Lansing area businesses.)

ALL photos (both winners and non-winners) will become the property of the Office of Study Abroad and will not be returned. Be sure to make copies!

GOOD LUCK!

ENTRY INFORMATION

Name of entrant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____ Major: _____

Study abroad program in which you participated (include location and semester):

Entry #1

Category: People or Places

Title of photo: _____

Location of photo: _____

Date taken: _____

(NOTE: If your photo includes a student, be sure you have their permission and have clearly identified them on the back of your photo.)

Is this a digital image? Yes No

Entry #2

Category: People or Places

Title of photo: _____

Location of photo: _____

Date taken: _____

(NOTE: If your photo includes a student, be sure you have their permission and have clearly identified them on the back of your photo.)

Is this a digital image? Yes No

I have read, understand, and accept the rules of the Spartans Abroad Photo Contest as stated on the front side of this entry form. I authorize the MSU Office of Study Abroad to duplicate, distribute, alter, and/or publish any of the photos I have submitted to help promote study abroad at Michigan State University. I also agree that the information I submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the photo(s) I submitted are my own work.

Signature

Date

QUICK TIPS...

☺ **Originality counts! Try not to duplicate photos** - take a look at last year's entries and winners on the Web to see what has won in the past and which photos seem to have multiple entries.

☺ Be sure to **title your photo** - creative titles may help an entry stand out - but be sure to keep it short.

☺ Photos that **involve students and locals** are usually highly regarded by the judges.

☺ Competition is stiff in the "Places" category as there are usually twice as many entries than "People."

☺ While it's not a requirement to win the contest, photos with students wearing MSU apparel tend to get used more in our publications and/or publicity for the MSU.