



WINNER

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

“I hope that my pictures help people care more about the animals I have the privilege of photographing.”

North American Porcupine
Kluane National Park,
Yukon Territory, Canada
By Jenaya Launstein, age 15
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THE STORY: *“Last summer I was fortunate to win a trip to the Yukon through my photography, and I was able to bring my dad with me. We were driving near Kluane National Park when we noticed something walking in front of us. We quickly pulled over and realized it was a porcupine. I walked down the slope very cautiously in order to get a better camera angle. There was a lot of brush, but I managed to find a spot where I could frame him with his forest home in the background. The porcupine continued walking in my direction. Then, much to my surprise, he decided to sit down and have a look around right in front of me. I composed this shot while lying on the ground, taking picture after picture to make sure I captured the adorable poses he was giving me. After a few short moments he continued on his route and disappeared into the Yukon bush.”*

CAMERA: Nikon D7000; AF-S 200-400mm f/4 IF-ED VR lens at 400mm; 1/320 sec at f/5; ISO 500; hand-held.



I became interested in wildlife photography at the age of 10, and my interest grew into a passion when my parents gave me my first DSLR for my thirteenth birthday. I joined the Nature Photographer's Network and began attending workshops by top Canadian wildlife photographers. In 2013, I was one of 10 young people chosen to participate in the NANPA High School Scholarship Program, where I learned tips and techniques from some of the best in the business. My father and I head out several times a week into the grasslands and mountains that surround our home, and we are always busy planning our next photo adventure.

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