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SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE WALK AMONG GIANTSsm PHOTO CONTEST

San Francisco, San Mateo and Lafayette residents awarded top prizes

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 25, 2009) – Nearly 200 Californians trekked into the redwoods this year to capture striking images of the world’s tallest trees as part of Save the Redwoods League’s [Walk Among Giants photo contest](#). Today, the League announced the winners.

[Save the Redwoods League](#) challenged Californians to capture every angle of the redwood forest, from the smallest critters inhabiting the forest floor to the grandeur of the canopy, to raise awareness for redwoods and state parks threatened by budget cuts. “The strong response to the Walk Among Giants photo contest is a testament to the fact that people treasure these awe-inspiring forests and the parks that protect them,” said Jennifer Benito, director of outreach for Save the Redwoods League.

The League selected 12 finalists from nearly [200 entries](#). After tallying more than 1,000 votes from the public, the League named three winners:



First Prize: Jim Clark of San Mateo, California. With over 30 percent of the votes, the winning photo captures a stream winding through Montgomery Woods State Natural Reserve. According to Clark, the image evokes the serenity he feels in the redwood forest. He was awarded a [Redwood Adventures](#) package for two that includes a one-night cabin stay and a guided tour of Redwood National Park. His photo will also be featured in League publications and on SaveTheRedwoods.org.



Second Prize: Avi Smith of San Francisco, California. Earning 22 percent of the votes, Smith's photo captures the size and splendor of the redwood canopy in Muir Woods. Smith received a one-night stay at the historic [Regua Inn](#) in Redwood National Park.



Third Prize: Alison Young of Lafayette, California. With 13 percent of the vote, Young's close up of a snail on the Trillium Falls Trail in Redwood National Park took third prize. Two redwood seedlings will be planted in Young's honor in a California state park.

To view all Walk Among Giants photo contest entries, please visit:
<http://www.flickr.com/groups/savetheredwoodsleague/pool/>

For more information about Save the Redwoods League's photo contest and future opportunities to participate, visit:
<http://www.SaveTheRedwoods.org/community/index.shtml>

Save the Redwoods League also encourages park visitors and advocates to support California State Parks by:

- Visiting [redwood parks](#) and reserves.
- Staying informed by visiting SaveTheRedwoods.org/voice.
- [Donating](#) to Save the Redwoods League.

About Save the Redwoods League

For more than 90 years, Save the Redwoods League has been dedicated to protecting the ancient redwood forests so all generations can experience the inspiration and majesty of redwoods. In 1850, there were nearly 2 million acres of ancient coast redwood forests in California. Today, less than 5 percent remains and faces threats from unsustainable logging practices, poorly planned development and global climate change. Since its founding in 1918, the League has protected more than 181,000 acres of land. For more information, visit SaveTheRedwoods.org.

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Editor's please, note: For high-res images of winning photos or interviews with the Walk Among Giants photo contest winners and Jennifer Benito, director of outreach, Save the Redwoods League, please contact Heather Platisha at (415) 359-2306 or heather@landispr.com.