

**Photography contest planned during 'Big Ole Days' festival**

ESCANABA – Amateur and professional photographers of all ages are invited to take part in a photography contest being held in conjunction with this year's "Big Ole's Pioneer Days" festival June 26-27 at the U.P. State Fairgrounds.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each division, which include adult, youth, senior citizen, professional and digitally enhanced, as well as "most unusual" and "spirit of the event." Grand prize is a \$100 Delta County Chamber of Commerce gift certificate.

"A photography contest is a great way to involve the community in the festival and hopefully spur a little fun and friendly competition," said Lanna Scannell, community & government relations manager at OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group and an organizer of the festival.

Scannell said photos must be taken during the 2009 Pioneer Days festival, but can cover any event.

"We encourage photos that depict all aspects of the festival and leave the content up to the photographer's interest and imagination."

Photos must be submitted by July 24, 2009, to the Delta County Chamber of Commerce for judging. Winning photos will be displayed at the U.P. State Fair in August. A complete list of rules and official entry form can be found by visiting the Delta County Commerce Center web site at [www.deltami.org](http://www.deltami.org), or by calling 786-2192.

The third annual "Big Ole's Pioneer Days" festival is being presented by the OSF St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group Foundation, OSF Home Care and the Delta County Commerce Center. Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to OSF Hospice and the OSF Foundation to benefit hospital and hospice patients in our communities.

For information or a complete list of festival activities planned, call the Delta County Commerce Center or visit their web site.