

Southwest Indiana Film Festival

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ATTENTION FILMMAKERS! Announcing the first annual Southwest Indiana Film Festival (SWIFF), presented by the Dubois County Film Commission, August 8th and 9th in Huntingburg, IN!

First time filmmakers, seasoned professionals, YouTube cat video enthusiasts - all are welcome to enter! Just head to www.filmduboiscounty.com, fill out the entry form and register with us, pay the relevant entry fee, get your film requirements, and start filming!

The Commission is not looking for short films you've already created to be submitted for this festival. Rather, it is looking to have you create an original, 5-minute short film (plus 1 minute of credits) specifically for this exciting event. Each filmmaker/team will be assigned a particular genre (horror/sci-fi, drama, or comedy), and be required to include specific elements in each entry. Films must include three distinct Dubois County landmarks (options will be provided to assist you), and 30% of your film's final runtime must be culled from footage you've shot utilizing these identifiable locations. The final requirement: you must include the line "Only in Dubois County" spoken or shown visually at some point in your film's footage (not in the title or credits).

Once you have your project together, come visit Dubois County and make your short film! More details on this and other requirements are included in the entry form/information available on our website at www.filmduboiscounty.com. We are also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthwestIndianaFilmFest>.

Entry fees are due at the time you register for the festival, and there are two different levels for entry: Professional, and Amateur. The early bird deadline for registration is July 1, and the cost is \$150 for Pro, and \$50 for Amateur. The late registration deadline is July 14 and the fees increase to \$200 for Pro and \$75 for Amateur (save \$\$\$ by registering prior to this!).

All films are due to us, received, no later than July 18th, no exceptions. No films will be accepted after this deadline, and registration fees are nonrefundable.

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On Friday, August 8th there will be an opening night party for all filmmakers and special guests, including TBA festivities and door prizes. All day Saturday, August 9th there will be screenings of the film entries, as well as seminars, workshops, lectures, Q&A's, demonstrations, and more, presented by special guests (TBA) on various filmmaking topics and trends. In short: a day of awesome. That evening there will be an awards ceremony with prizes, and an after party.

To kick off our first film fest we've included some great prizes like a Blackmagic camera, GoPro camera packages, cash, and more!

Hollywood has recognized Dubois County's natural features, great scenery and architectural beauty over the years. Besides several independent films, two feature films (*A League of Their Own* and *Hard Rain*) and an HBO special have been filmed in Dubois County. Plus, Jasper, Indiana, has been featured in the hit TV show "Revolution" and is the model for the city in "The Middle".

Now it's your turn.

So get creative and film the crap out of something great! The Dubois County Film Commission looks forward to viewing your films and seeing you at SWIFF!