



Winner: The **Western Shovel-nosed Snake (*Chionactis occipitalis*)** is a strictly desert species, able to survive in even the driest areas in the southwestern US where it burrows or "swims" in loose sand during the day and roams on the desert surface at night hunting insects, scorpions, spiders, and centipedes. This amazing specimen was photographed by **Danny Martin**.

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Runner-up: Mark Danaher submitted this eye-catching photo of a **Dusky Pygmy Rattlesnake (*Sistrurus miliarius barbouri*)**. This diminutive snake is found in the wet flatwoods of the southeastern United States.

Year of the Snake Photo Contest Calendar

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Canada Day 1	2	3	Independence Day (US) 4	5	*Ice cream social and reptile show, 2 pm, Elk Neck State Park, MD 6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	Sabino Canyon Lizard Walk, SCRA, Tucson, AZ. 8 am at the visitors' center 13	
	SW PARC Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM*		Spotted Frog Survey, Indian Valley, NV*				
			Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists & Herpetologists, Albuquerque, NM				
14	15	World Snake Day!	16	*YoSnake summer program, 11 am - 2 pm, Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby, CT. 17	18	19	Orianne Society at Snake Day, Fernbank Museum of Natural History Atlanta, GA 20
						*CT snakes program, 1-2 pm, James L. Goodwin St. Forest, Hampton, CT	
21	22	23	*Ssssssnakes! talk, 11 am - noon, Andover Public Library, Andover, CT.	*YoSnake summer program, 11 am - 2 pm, Stratton Brook State Park, Simsbury, CT. 24	25	26	*Live reptile show, 2 pm, Rosaryville State Park, Upper Marlboro, MD
				NE PARC Annual Meeting, Branchville, NJ*			
28	29	30	31	*See Upcoming Meetings and Events in the July issue of <i>Year of the Snake News</i> for links to many of these events.			