

**Official Rules**  
**Minnesota State Lottery**  
**Explore the Forest Social Sweepstakes**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

1. To be eligible to win a player must:
  - A. be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
  - B. be a registered member of Instagram ([www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com));
  - C. be a resident of the state of Minnesota with a Minnesota U.S. Postal Service mailing address;
  - D. comment “I’MN” *and* include the total number of “Second Chance” logos that are visible in the corresponding images associated with the Minnesota Lottery Instagram Explore the Forest Social Sweepstakes post between 12:00 a.m. central time (“CT”) on Thursday, April 23, 2026, and 11:59 p.m. (CT) on Thursday, April 23, 2026.
2. Any entry or portion of an entry that demeans, defames, or ridicules others, contains profanity or illegal activity, or is not in the best interest of the Minnesota Lottery or its marketing may be deleted and disqualified from this Social Sweepstakes.
3. Employees (including immediate family residing in the same household) of the Minnesota State Lottery (the “Lottery”), employees (including immediate family residing in the same household) of any company that is not eligible to receive a prize from the Lottery pursuant to law or a contract with the Lottery, and all other persons prohibited by law are ineligible to participate or receive a prize from this sweepstakes.
4. The prizewinners will be drawn at random from all eligible entries by Lottery representatives on or about Friday, April 24, 2026. The name and city of the prizewinners may be posted on [mnlottery.com](http://mnlottery.com) and/or Lottery social media channels following prizewinner verification.
5. One (1) drawing will occur, and five (5) prizewinners will be selected. Each prizewinner, if validated, will receive fifty dollars (\$50) in scratch tickets, one (1) Lottery-branded size large T-shirt, one (1) pair of Lottery-branded sunglasses, one (1) pair of Lottery-branded binoculars, and one (1) Lottery-branded water bottle. The approximate taxable prize value is \$0. The Lottery reserves the right to substitute or omit prizes for any reason, including availability. A prizewinner may win only once. One (1) prizewinner per

household. The Lottery offers no express or implied warranty or guarantee of merchandise prizes.

6. The Lottery and/or any of their affiliated entities are not responsible, in any way, for any personal injuries, death, property damage, or other damages or expenses resulting from or arising out of any acceptance, fulfillment (including shipping and handling), installation, operation, loss, or misuse of the prize and/or any element thereof. All other costs and expenses related to acceptance and use of any element of the prize not specified herein as being provided are the sole responsibility of the prizewinner, including, without limitation, any fees, costs, and/or taxes related to transportation to and from the prize.
7. The Lottery will request personal information to validate each prizewinner. Incomplete information may result in entry disqualification. If the Lottery is unable to validate a winning entry, the Lottery will deem it ineligible, and the player will not be entitled to any prize.
8. If the Lottery is unable to contact a prizewinner within three (3) days after the drawing, the Lottery may declare the prize to be forfeited by the prizewinner and the prizewinner will have no further right to the prize, and the Lottery may award the prize to an alternate. By entering this sweepstakes, a prizewinner consents to the full use of their name and city for publicity and public relations purposes.
9. Prizes will be shipped to the U.S. Postal Service mailing address provided. If a prize is returned to the Lottery, the Lottery may declare the prize forfeited by the player and the player will have no further right to the prize and the Lottery may award the prize to another player.
10. By entering this sweepstakes, prizewinners consent to full use of any and all information they provide for publicity, public relations, and content creation purposes, including on Lottery social media channels and [mnlottery.com](http://mnlottery.com), by the Lottery. Prizewinners will be required to execute appropriate releases and authorizations. Refusal to do so may result in forfeiture of any prize won.
11. The odds of winning are determined by the total number of entries received.
12. A prize won may not be assigned or transferred to another person. Federal, state, or local taxes on any prize are the sole responsibility of the prizewinner. All applicable federal, state, or local laws apply. Void where prohibited by law.

13. This sweepstakes begins at 12:00 a.m. CT on Thursday, April 23, 2026, and concludes at 11:59 p.m. CT on Thursday, April 23, 2026.
14. Questions may be referred to the Lottery at (651) 635-8273 or to [cs.support@mnlottery.com](mailto:cs.support@mnlottery.com).
15. These sweepstakes rules may be amended at any time by the Lottery. By participating, players agree to these official rules and to the decisions of the Lottery which will be final and binding in all respects.
16. The Lottery is not responsible for delayed, lost, or misdirected electronic submissions made through the Internet.
17. If, for any reason it is not possible to run all or any part of the Explore the Forest Social Sweepstakes as planned due to, without limitation, errors in these official rules or advertising for this sweepstakes, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, human error, or any other cause beyond the control of the Lottery that, in the sole judgment of the Lottery, could corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this sweepstakes, the Lottery reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the sweepstakes.
18. This sweepstakes is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with Instagram.