

# St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program

## 4-H Photography Project Guidelines (revised March 2010)

### Project Rules:

1. Photographs must be taken by the 4-H member exhibiting them.
2. A given exhibitor may enter one (1) exhibit in the **General Photography** area (Section A, B, C, or D) and one (1) exhibit each in the **Specialty Camera** area (Section E), **Black and White Photography** area (Section F), and **Digital Photography** (Section D-K) in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
3. All photographs exhibited in a given class must be either color or black and white.
4. All photographs must be neatly and securely mounted on white poster board 11" x 14" using cold mount, dry mound, double-sided tape, spray adhesive, rubber cement, diluted Elmer's glue or any other method that produces a flat mount. (Use of self stick-on corners is not allowed.)
5. The poster board may be exhibited with either the 11" or the 14" side being the vertical dimension. Choose the poster board "orientation" that best suits attractive display of your photographs.
6. All photographs must be mounted alone on the poster board. No writing, printing or drawing/illustrating is allowed on the poster board.
7. The following information must be neatly printed on the back of the poster board:
  - exhibitors name
  - birth date (month/date/ year)
  - current 4-H Age (as of January 1 or current calendar year)
  - year in project
  - club name
  - type of camera used (i.e. 35mm (specify whether adjustable or automatic), Polaroid, 110 Instamatic, digital, etc)
  - specify whether the camera has an adjustable or non-adjustable lens
  - film speed (i.e. ASA 100, ASA 200, ASA 400, ASA 1000, etc.) If applicable.
8. All photographs must be 4" x 6" or a true digital 3 ½" x 5" unless otherwise noted.

**Project resource materials:** The following 4-H Photography Project resource materials are available at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. Some of the bulletins are free of charge.

<u>Bulletin No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
4-H 1204	Photography Project Unit 1 (Leaders Guide)
4-H 1206	Unit 2: Exploring Photography
4-H 1507	Adventures With Adjustable Cameras (Member Manual)
4-H 1566	Adventures with Your Camera – A (Member Manual)
4-H 1567	Adventures with Your Camber – B (Member Manual)
---	Cropping
---	Exposure of Paper

**Attention:** All exhibitor ages in the following sections are current 4-H Age of the project year.

**Section A - General Photography (35 mm Cameras, Youth 9-11 years old)**

- Class 1 - Exhibit four (4) photographs which include one each of the following subjects:
  - building or buildings
  - landscape or seascape
  - a person or group of people
  - animal(s)
- Class 2 - Exhibit four (4) photographs which together tell a story in pictures, without the need for words (i.e. giving a dog a bath, setting up and decorating the family Christmas tree, etc.)
- Class 3 - Exhibit four (4) photographs showing four (4) different people each with a different pet.
- Class 4 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of one common theme (i.e. barns, antique cars, breeds of horses, etc.) with each picture being a different item in the theme (i.e. four different barns in the barn example.)
- Class 5 - Four (4) photographs depicting a particular 4-H activity (i.e. club meeting, 4-H Camp, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Cat Show, etc.)

**Section B - General Photography (35 mm Cameras, Youth 12-14 Years old)**

- Class 1 - Exhibit four (4) photographs around a central theme such as: people, animals or still objects, with two (2) of the photographs taken using natural light (sunlight) and two (2) of the photographs using artificial light (flash).
- Class 2 - Exhibit four (4) photographs which depict a step-by-step procedure without the need for words.
- Class 3 - Exhibit four (4) close-up (i.e. flower petals, animal, other object, etc.) or portrait photographs.
- Class 4 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of either city scenes or country scenes.
- Class 5 - Exhibit four (4) photographs showing four (4) different people each with a different pet.
- Class 6 - Exhibit four (4) photographs depicting one (1) type of sport activity.
- Class 7 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of one common theme (i.e. barns, antique cars, breeds of horses, etc.) with each picture being a different item of the theme (i.e. four different barns in the barn example.)
- Class 8 - Exhibit four (4) photographs depicting a particular 4-H activity (i.e. 4-H club meeting, 4-H community service project, 4-H Camp, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Cat Show, etc.)

**Section C - General Photography (35mm Cameras, Exhibitors 15-19 yrs. old)**

- Class 1 - Open to first-year members only. Exhibit four photographs of either city scenes or country scenes.
- Class 2 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of one common theme (i.e. barns, antique cars, breeds of horses, etc.) with each picture being a different item in the theme (i.e. four different barns in the barn example).
- Class 3 - Exhibit four (4) photographs showing four (4) different people, each with a different pet.
- Class 4 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of people, animals or still objects, with two (2) of the photographs taken using natural light (sunlight), and two (2) taken using artificial light (flash).
- Class 5 - Exhibit two (2) 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" photographs or four (4) 5" x 7" of any one or a combination of the subjects listed below. Two (2) 11" x 14" poster-boards will be needed to mount photographs.
  - portraits
  - landscapes or seascapes
  - night scenes
  - plants
  - abstracts, patterns, textures
  - animals
  - birds
  - still life scenes
  - extreme close-up
- Class 6 - Exhibit four (4) photographs which depict a specific career or profession (i.e., secretary, carpenter, farmer, veterinarian, etc. at work).

- Class 7 - Exhibit four (4) photographs depicting a particular 4-H activity (i.e. 4-H club meeting, 4-H Camp, 4-H community service project, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Cat Show, etc.)
- Class 8 - Exhibit four (4) photographs depicting one type of sport activity.

**Section D - General Photography (Other than 35mm Cameras, Exhibitors 9-19 yrs. old)**

- Class 1 - Same as Section A
- Class 2 - Same as Section A
- Class 3 - Same as Section A
- Class 4 - Same as Section A
- Class 5 - Same as Section A

**Section E - Specialty Cameras**

1. This section is open to exhibitors 9 - 19 years old.
- Class 1 - Specialty Cameras (Panorama) - exhibit four (4) panoramic photographs displayed two (2) per poster board.
- Class 2 - Specialty Camera (3-D) - exhibit four (4) three-dimensional (3D) photographs of any subject.

**Section F - Black & White Photography**

1. This section is open to exhibitors 9 - 19 years old
2. Must use 35 mm camera and film.
3. Photographs may be of any subject or combination of subjects.
4. Photographs must be taken by the exhibitor.
5. Special development techniques may be used (i.e. "burning in", "dodging", enlargement of select portion of a negative, sepia toning to give an "antique" look, etc.)
- Class 1 - Black & White Photography - exhibit two (2) 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" photographs or four (4) 5" x 7" photographs.

**Section G - Digital Photography Non-Enhanced Exhibitors 9-11 Years Old**

1. **Digitally enhanced** is a photograph taken with a conventional camera and scanned in or taken with a digital camera. Either of these methods are considered enhanced when they are then manipulated.
2. Digital photo (non enhanced) is a photo taken with a digital camera or scanned in from conventional prints.
- Class 1 - Exhibit four (4) photographs which include one each of the following subjects:
- building or buildings
  - landscape or seascape
  - a person or group of people
  - animal(s)
- Class 2 - Exhibit four (4) photographs which together tell a story in pictures, without the need for words (i.e. giving a dog a bath, setting up and decorating the family Christmas tree, etc.)
- Class 3 - Exhibit four (4) photographs showing four (4) different people each with a different pet.
- Class 4 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of one common theme (i.e. barns, antique cars, breeds of horses, etc.) with each picture being a different item in the theme (i.e. four different barns in the barn example.)
- Class 5 - Four (4) photographs depicting a particular 4-H activity (i.e. club meeting, 4-H Camp, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Cat Show, etc.)

### Section H - Digital Photography Non-Enhanced, Exhibitors 12-14 Years Old

- Class 1 - Exhibit four (4) photographs around a central theme such as: people, animals or still objects, with two (2) of the photographs taken using natural light (sunlight) and two (2) of the photographs using artificial light (flash).
- Class 2 - Exhibit four (4) photographs which depict a step-by-step procedure without the need for words.
- Class 3 - Exhibit four (4) close-up (i.e. flower petals, animal, other object, etc.) or portrait photographs.
- Class 4 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of either city scenes or country scenes.
- Class 5 - Exhibit four (4) photographs showing four (4) different people each with a different pet.
- Class 6 - Exhibit four (4) photographs depicting one (1) type of sport activity.
- Class 7 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of one common theme (i.e. barns, antique cars, breeds of horses, etc.) with each picture being a different item of the theme (i.e. four different barns in the barn example.)

### Section J – Digital Photography Non-Enhanced, Exhibitors 15-19 Years Old

- Class 1 - Open to first-year members only. Exhibit four photographs of either city scenes or country scenes.
- Class 2 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of one common theme (i.e. barns, antique cars, breeds of horses, etc.) with each picture being a different item in the theme (i.e. four different barns in the barn example).
- Class 3 - Exhibit four (4) photographs showing four (4) different people, each with a different pet.
- Class 4 - Exhibit four (4) photographs of people, animals or still objects, with two (2) of the photographs taken using natural light (sunlight), and two (2) taken using artificial light (flash).
- Class 5 - Exhibit two (2) 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" photographs or four (4) 5" x 7" of any one (1) or a combination of the subjects listed below. Two (2) 11" x 14" poster-boards will be needed to mount photographs.
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- Class 7 - Exhibit four (4) photographs depicting a particular 4-H activity (i.e. 4-H club meeting, 4-H Camp, 4-H community service project, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Cat Show, etc.)
- Class 8 - Exhibit four (4) photographs depicting one (1) type of sport activity.

### Section K – Digital Photography Digitally Enhanced

1. Open to exhibitors 9-19 years old.
  2. Digital photo (non enhanced) is a photo taken with a digital camera or scanned in from conventional prints.
  3. If the photograph is completely manipulated then it should be exhibited under computer science as graphic arts.
- Class 1 - 9 - 11 year olds: Exhibitor between the ages of 9-11 (beginners) must exhibit original photograph with enhanced photograph illustrating cropping, red-eye reduction, color to black & white, or etc.
  - Class 2 - 12 - 14 year olds: Exhibitor between the ages of 12-14 years old (intermediate) must exhibit original photograph with enhanced photograph illustrating one (1) of the following: dodging, burn tool, cropping and any other enhancements in Class 1 (i.e. red-eye reductions, color to black & white, etc.)

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Class 3 - 15 - 19 year olds: Exhibitor between the ages of 15-19 years old (advanced) must exhibit original photography with photography illustrating one (1) of the following: cloning, color saturation, density, and any other enhancement from Class 1 & 2 (i.e. dodging, burn tool, cropping, red-eye reductions, color to black & white, etc. .)

### **Section L - Best Single Photograph**

1. Best Single Photograph awards to be selected from among the 4-H photography exhibits in Sections A-K.

Class 1 - Best Single Photograph (9 - 11 yrs. old). **(PR)**

Class 2 - Best Single Photograph (12 - 14 yrs. old). **(PR)**

Class 3 - Best Single Photograph (15 - 19 yrs. old). **(PR)**