



2019 SAN PATRICIO COUNTY 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW RULES & GUIDELINES



OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
2. To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communications tool in their lives.
3. To provide a photography project showcase opportunity for 4-H members.
4. To continue to share the message of 4-H.
5. To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

AGE DIVISIONS:

Due to State Photography Contest rules, we will judge photography entries by age groups as follows:

Clover Kid - 5 years to 8 years of age. Entries will be for exhibition only (not competition).

Juniors – 3rd through 5th grade.

Intermediates – 6th through 8th grade

Seniors – 9th through 12th grade

Determined as of August 31, 2018.

Seniors should refer to the 2018-2019 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Guidelines found on the Texas 4-H website.

Juniors and Intermediates should refer the 2019 District 11 Photography Contest Rules and Guidelines found on the District's website.

THIS YEAR:

1. There are 15 categories for the photography contest this year.
2. All photos will be submitted and judged electronically. **You will receive a confirmation by email when your photos are received.** Instructions to submit electronically for county contest ONLY are listed below.

RULES and GUIDELINES:

1. This contest is open to all 4-H members **enrolled** in the 3rd grade through 12th grade. Clover Kids may enter to exhibit only.
2. All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H members between the dates of January 1, 2018 and the time of entry and should not be photos which were entered in prior Texas 4-H Photography contests.
3. All entries **must be submitted electronically** no later than **Friday, February 1, 2019**, NO LATER than **4:00 p.m.**
4. Awards ceremony will be held at the San Patricio County Extension Office on **Monday, February 25, 2019** at **5:30 pm.**
5. Entries that do not follow the rules, category guidelines, class description or general guidelines, will be automatically disqualified.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: Each participant may only submit **ONE** entry per category.

SENIORS ONLY: The first place entry in each class per category will advance to the State 4-H Photography Show in April.

JUNIORS AND INTERMEDIATES ONLY: The first place entry in each class per category will advance to the District 4-H Photography Contest in March.

Proper Entry/Submission of Photos:

Steps for submitting your digital photos

1. Set up a Shutterfly account if you don't already have one. It's simple & FREE!
 - a) Go to www.shutterfly.com
 - b) Click on "sign up" and follow the steps.

2. Once your account is set up, begin uploading your photos to an album.
 - a. Title the album with your name.
 - b. Upload all photos to one album.
 - i. Once your pictures are in one album...
 1. Click on your first picture; on the toolbar above the picture click "Edit", then "Edit picture caption".
 - ii. In the NAME box of each photo, include:
 1. Category
 2. Age division (Jr, Int or Sr)
 3. County
 4. Last Name
 5. First Name

Put an "underscore" between each of the above items.

EXAMPLE: Night_Int_SanPatricio_Smith_John

* Repeat steps i and ii for each photo.

3. Once your photos are uploaded to one album, you are ready to "share" your photos.
 - a. Be sure all photos in the album are selected (click "select all" on right of screen).
 - b. Click "share" at the top, right of your screen.
 - i. Select "email selected pictures", and then click "next".
 - ii. In the "to" box, enter sanpatri@ag.tamu.edu and click send.

You will receive a confirmation by email when your photos are received.

Animals – Domestic

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

Examples include: Chickens, cows, dogs/cats, geese/ducks (domestic use), hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep/goats, etc.

Animals – Wildlife

Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or the bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

Examples include: Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.

Catch-all

Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. **What is NOT Allowed:** County's use of this category to eliminate duplicate photos from multiple 4-H members

Examples include: Long exposure zoomed images, painting with light, polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, etc.

Details & Macro

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs.

Examples include: Clocks, coins, ice crystals, insects, stamps, etc.

Dominant Color

Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. **What is NOT Allowed:** Black & White photos and duotones.

Examples include: bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sun lighting on it.

Elements of Design

Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. **What is NOT Allowed:** Digital creations or graphic designs made in commercial programs such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.

Examples include: Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc.

Enhanced

A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite images. Others variations are allowed as well.

Examples include: Photoshop® composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.

Food

Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. **What is NOT Allowed:** A photo of alcohol beverages.

Examples include: Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner etc.

Landscape & Nature (Non-Animal)

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenic, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. **What is NOT Allowed:** Primary subject is a person or wildlife.

Examples include: Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenic, etc.

Motion/Action

The capture of movement within a single photo.

Examples include: Ferris wheel spinning, horse running across field, etc.

People

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject.

Examples include: babies, families, kids, models/fashion, etc.

Plant/Flora

Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape & Nature category.

Examples include: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.

Sports

Photo that captures individual or team sports. Can be either professional or amateur (human) and the focus could be on the sportsperson, the sport environment, the effort expended, or the conflict/rewards. Must reflect a strong message.

Examples include: Football player or team, gymnast, rodeo contestant, swimming, etc.

Theme

Theme photo focuses on a subject announced and outlined in the contest rules and guidelines. For 2018-2019 the theme is “**Promote 4-H**”. This category should contain photos that promote 4-H overall, activities, events, etc. Photos can include photos of leaders, mentors, family, friends, and aspects of 4-H encompassing head, heart, hands and health.

Photos which have been entered into other categories are NOT allowed.

Travel & Place

This category includes images that express the joys and adventures of travel photography, showcasing place as an important part of the photo. This category can include historic buildings, ruins, islands, and subject you might encounter while traveling, as long as the photo expresses a sense of PLACE. **What is NOT Allowed:** Photos cannot be entered into other categories (landscape & nature), but may be similar, however, photos must depict traveling and experiencing other parts of the world.

Examples include: Disney World/Land, Great Wall of China, Roman Ruins, etc.

Release of Liability:

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and/or its employees/agents involved in the contest will not be held liable for missing, mislabeled, damaged, or non-displayed photographs. By entry the 4-H member accepts this release.

Display and Future Use Rights:

By submitting an entry to the contest, the 4-H member grants permission to the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas 4-H Foundation, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, the use, and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Certain photos will be retained for future use. By entry, the 4-H member accepts these conditions of display and future use.

RESOURCES FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT:

Texas 4-H and Youth Development Photography Project Resource Page

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>