## **The Stanislaus County 4-H Photography Festival Fun Activities! Door Prizes!**



The Photography Festival is for all 4-H members, with Primary (Cloverbud) members able to display their work for participation awards and members 9-19 years (4-H age) to compete for awards using the 4-H Danish system of judging.

Entrants are NOT required to be in a photography project.

Images: winning photos from previous years.



Register online by Monday, April 15, 2024, through the Stanislaus County 4-H website, under "4-H Events."

- -Each 4-H member may enter up to two photographs.
- -PRINTED and PROPERLY MOUNTED photos must be submitted for judging.
- -Drop off mounted photographs to the county office no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (the county office is available for drop-off from 8:30 am to 4 pm).

\*\*Rules for this event are printed on the back of this flyer\*\*

When: April 20, 2024

Where: Stanislaus County Ag Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358

Time: Arrive at 10 am for Activities! Photography Scavenger Hunt and more! (Door Prizes for those who

participate in the activities!) Award Ceremony after judging and activities (around 11:30 am)

Contact: Susan Kerr at 4Hphotofest@gmail.com or the 4-H office at 525-6801

Can you volunteer? We will need assistance setting up and calculating scores...if you can help us out, please contact us at the email address above!



## **General Rules**

- 1. All Stanislaus County 4-H members are allowed to participate.
- 2. Entrants MUST pre-register to participate in the competition. Register online by Monday, April 15, 2024, at 10 pm to participate.
- 3. Each 4-H member may enter up to 2 photographs.
- 4. Photographs must be received at the 4-H office by 4 pm on Wednesday, April 17th.
- 5. Photographs must have been taken by the person entering the contest.
- 6. Photographs must have been taken within the current 4-H year (July 2023-April 2024).

## **Photography Festival Rules**

Photograph Categories: Landscape/Seascape, Animals, Still Life, Portrait, Photoshop/Dramatic Editing, 4-H Fun

Special Contests: Earth Day

- 1. Photographs must fit the categories listed above, using conventional definitions of the categories. Special Contests shall fit these requirements: **Earth Day will include** photos that highlight Earth-friendly activities (restoration work, community service in nature, etc.).
- 2. Photographs must be mounted on a photograph mat board or foam board. Maximum board size is 11" x 14".
- 3. Photographs (the print itself) must be  $8" \times 10"$  with a mount board of  $11" \times 14$ ." The board should be larger than the photograph so that there is a border. Note: Photographs entered by Primary members may be as small as 5" by 7", with mat board size of  $8" \times 10$ ."
- 4. Framed photographs (or photographs covered by glass) will NOT be accepted. A double mount board does not classify as framed.
- 5. The following information must be written on the CENTER of the back of the mount board for each photograph entered:
  - a. 4-H member's name and contact information (email, phone, address).
  - b. Title of photograph.
  - c. Category photo is entered under (must match online registration form).
  - d. List the age of 4-H member ON DEC. 31, 2023 and age category for judging (Primary/Junior/Intermediate/Senior)
  - e. Date and location the photograph was taken.
  - f. 4-H Club/Unit
- 6. <u>Online submissions of photographs will NOT be judged</u>. <u>Photographs must be physically brought to the Stanislaus County 4-H office by</u> Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> by 4 pm. The member does not have to be present at the contest to participate.
- 7. Photographs can be taken by either digital cameras, cell phones or by cameras using film.
- 8. Photographs may be either developed by the member or professionally developed.
- 9. Photographs can be printed via a photo printer with a high DPI or at a professional printing service.
- 10. Digital enhancements to photographs are not allowed, other than in the category Photoshop/Dramatic Editing (excluding cropping, brightness).
- --Competition entries that do not follow the rules above are subject to be marked down on their score or disqualified.

## **Festival Judging**

- -The Danish Judging System is used for the photography competition. Everyone will compete within their age division for Gold, Blue, Red or White seals. All Gold winners will be continued forward for Best of Division (age category) and Best of Show.
- -Everyone will receive participation ribbon and a color seal on a certificate. All Gold winners will receive a Photography pin for their 4-H Hat. The Best of Show/Reserve Best of Show winners will receive a ribbon and a Photography pin for their 4-H Hat.

Judging Criteria: Photograph entries will be judged in the following areas:

FOCUS: Adjustment of the distance setting on a lens to appropriately define the subject. Standard: Main subject in focus unless blurriness is obviously intentional (ex: to show motion).

EXPOSURE: The overall brightness and contrast in the photo. Standard: A range of light-to-dark contrast, not over or under exposed, unless it is obviously intended.

COMPOSITION: Placement of the subject in the photo demonstrating artistic ability. Standard: A pleasing balance exists among all components of the composition (ex: Rule of Thirds).

CREATIVITY IN USE OF SUBJECT: The photograph uses the subject to deliver a message in a creative way. Standard: The subject can be easily identified by viewers and captured in a creative way. Photograph not over cluttered with many subjects.

UNIQUENESS: Use of originality, camera angle, lighting, character studies, and/or creativity. Standard: The photographer exhibits creativity throughout the photograph.

SIZE REQUIREMENTS: Print and mat board size. Standard: Did the photographer follow the competition rules?

INFORMATION ON BACK: Required information on back of mount board. Standard: All the required information listed in the competition rules found on the back of the entry; clear and legible.

MOUNTING: Photograph print is placed on a mount board for display. Mount board color should be selected based on the photograph. Does not distract viewer from photograph. Mount board should be clean and have smooth cut edges. Suggested method for mounting: Spray Adhesive Technique. Standard: Photograph is mounted straight and proper. Photograph must stay mounted on its board and not fall while on display.