



Photography Contest - Madera County

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Madera 4-H Office
145 Tozer St., Ste. 103
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Check-In: 12:15pm

Evaluation Starts: 1:00pm

Contest Information

The Madera County 4-H Photography Competition provides an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. There are no prior requirements to enter following covid health requirements.

The 2022 Photography Contest will be held in-person.

Each participant is required to submit a good-quality picture of their entries the day of the event. Award winners will be announced on the day of the event. Results will be handed out after the awards.

Overview

1. Register online by deadline: Friday, February 25, 2022.
2. Evaluations will be completed in-person.
3. Results will be handed out after the awards.
4. Winning photos will be shared in the Madera Tribune.

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Contest Divisions

- **Division I: Mini (age 7-8)**
- **Division II: Junior (age 9-10)**

- **Division III: Intermediate (age 11-13)**
- **Division IV: Senior (age 14-19)**

2022 Competition Details

All participants must register online

- You must register online in order to participate
- Photographs must be submitted day of the event
- Limit of 2 entries per person
- Participants do not have to be a member of the photography project to participate

Schedule

- Registration Check-in: 12:15pm - 1:00pm
- Evaluations start: 1:00pm
- Award Ceremony at the conclusion of the event

Official Rules

- All 4-H members aged 7-19 are allowed to participate.
- A limit of 2 photographs per person may be entered.
- Pre-register to participate in the competition
- Photographs must be taken by the person entering the contest.
- Photographs must have been taken within the current 4-H year.
- Photographs must be good to high quality. 300 dpi resolution recommended
- Photograph size should be at least 4" x 6" (3:2 ratio); recommended size is 8" x 10" (5:4 ratio). All photos should be matted to appropriate size.
- Digital enhancements to photographs are allowed.

Competition entries that do not follow the rules above are subject to be marked down on their score or not accepted at all.

Evaluation Criteria

Competition Entries will be evaluated in the following areas:

Focus

Adjustment of the distance setting on a lens to appropriately define the subject.

Standard: Subject(s) are in focus and sharp, 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

Creativity is the original, fresh, and external expression of the imagination of the photographer to convey an idea, message, or thought. Standard: The subject can be easily identified by viewers, and captured in a creative way. Photography is not cluttered with many subjects.

Impact

The sense an individual gets when viewing a photograph for the first time. Compelling photographs evoke laughter, sadness, anger, pride, wonder or another intense emotion. Standard: The photograph displays an impact on the viewer.

Resolution and Size

Resolution determines the quality of a digital image. The higher the resolution, the higher the quality. It is recommended that photographs be submitted with a 300 dpi resolution. Size of the image should be at least a ratio of 4" x 6" (3:2 ratio). It is recommended (but not required) for photographs to be submitted in 8" x 10" (5:4 ratio). Standard: Resolution is in good quality and at a size large enough for the evaluator to easily view the photograph on a digital device. Pixelization of an image will be marked down on points.

Story Telling

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. One beautiful thing about art is that each viewer might collect his own message or read her own story in an image. Standard: Your photograph displays a specific message or shares a story with the evaluator.

Awards

Everyone will compete within their age division for Gold, Blue, Red, or Green. All participants will receive a color seal and an evaluation sheet for each photograph.

Gold Winners: receive a gold pin for their hat and are considered for Best of Division and Best of Show.

Best of Show: Receives a rosette ribbon. Featured on 4-H social media resources.

1-3 ribbons: Gold, Blue, Red, Green.