

YOUTH DAY

2017 Photography Contest

RULES AND GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The Photography Contest promotes the interests and talents of youth photographers to the visitors of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The Photography Contest is open to the youth of Texas 8 to 18 years of age as of August 31, 2016 and attending public, private, or homeschool in the State of Texas.

RESOURCES

1. Adventures With Your Camera – B (Grades 6 to 9) Available from Amazon or National 4-H Council Supply
2. Texas 4-H and Youth Development Photography Project Resource
Page <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

2017 CONTEST RULES

1. Age Divisions:

Junior – 8 (and in 3rd grade) to 10 years old as of August 31, 2016
Intermediate – 11-13 years as of August 31, 2016
Senior – 14-18 years old as of August 31, 2016

2. Eligibility of Photos:

Photographs must have been taken by youth in the above age divisions between the dates of January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017. A photograph may only be submitted once in only one category for this contest. Photos entered in the state 4-H photography contest may be entered in this contest.

3. Number of Entries:

Contestants can have only two photographs per category for a total of 28 entries per youth.

4. Entry Deadline :

Entries can either be mailed or dropped off at the location listed below.

If mailing, entries must be postmarked by midnight on January 6, 2017 to be eligible and sent to:

**Cheryl Schmidt/School Tours Committee
Attn: Photography Contest
210 Honeysuckle Lane
San Antonio, Texas 78213**

If dropping off, deliver to:

Judson Driving School at 103 S. Seguin Road, Converse, TX 78109
entries will be accepted at this location Jan. 5, 2017
from 5:00-8:00 pm and Jan. 9, 2017 from 5:00-8:00 pm

5. Content and Copyright:

All photos must be an original photograph taken by the contestant in one of the above age divisions. Photographs are subject to all applicable copyright laws. Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, hateful, threatening, or otherwise in violation of law are strictly prohibited. These photos will be disqualified by the School Tours Committee or the Judges. Any additional photos submitted by the contestant will also be subject to disqualification from the competition.

6. Model and Property Releases:

The submission of a photograph acknowledges that the photographer has obtained sufficient written permission of any recognizable locations or people appearing in their photograph(s). Your entry into this contest acknowledges that you have obtained this permission and that both the photographer and the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo may publish and use the photos as needed. Written documentation should be retained by the photographer and will be requested if needed.

7. Disqualification of an Entry:

An entry that does not follow the rules or category guidelines will automatically be disqualified.

Reasons for Disqualification may include, but are not limited to:

- Incorrect size (correct size is 8" X 10")
- Received after deadline date
- Pictures coming unglued from black mounting board/art board medium weight
- Entered into incorrect category
- Same photo entered into same or multiple categories
- Inappropriate or unsuitable content
- More than two entries in a category

8. Release of Liability:

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and members of its School Tours Committee will not be held responsible for missing, mislabeled, damaged or non-displayed photographs. By entry the contestant accepts this release.

9. Retention of Photos:

All photographs will be retained by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and may be used in marketing and program promotion without further consent.

10. Display and Future Rights Use Right:

All photographs will be displayed in the School Tours Tent on **February 11, 2017** for Youth Day. Following the awards ceremony, the "Best of Show" winners will be displayed in the main entrance of the Shops at the Rodeo located in the Freeman Coliseum for the duration of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. By submitting an entry to the contest, contestant agrees to and accepts the use, and any and all rights associated with the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media (including but not limited to website and social media outlets), without further permission or compensation.

11. Judges:

Independent Judges will be volunteers selected from the professional photography industry. Judges will determine placings and their decisions will be final.

2017 AWARDS

1. Quality Awards:

Blue First Place, Red Second Place, and White Third Place ribbons will be given to entries based on the judges decisions.

2. Best Of Show Awards:

One Best of Show Award will be presented to one photo in each category with more than one entry.

3. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards:

Awards will be chosen by the judges from the Best of Shows.

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Entry Steps:

- Download **the New 2017 Entry Form** from the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo website at www.sarodeo.com/attractions/youth-day
- Please type all information on the entry form
- Trim the entire entry form box to fit the back of the mounting board and attach with tape to each entry without any white showing from photo side
- All entries must be **EXACTLY** an 8" X 10" print
- All entries must have a **FLUSH MOUNT ON BLACK MOUNTING BOARD/ART BOARD MEDIUM WEIGHT THAT IS THE SAME SIZE AS THE PRINT 8" X 10"** (black foam core will be accepted if mounting board is not available in your area)
- Photos mounted on self-adhesive foam boards will be disqualified
- All **PANORAMIC ENTRIES** must have a **FLUSH MOUNT ON BLACK MOUNTING BOARD/ART BOARD MEDIUM WEIGHT THAT IS NO LARGER THAN 24" FROM LEFT TO RIGHT AND AT LEAST 10" to Max 12" FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. See Panoramic category for additional information.**

Contestant must also submit a sheet of printer photo paper for each photo used in the panoramic before stitching. They do not need to be mounted.

- Prints can be black & white, color, or all media
- **NEATNESS OF MOUNTING IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WILL AFFECT JUDGING**

2. Submitting your Entry:

- * **Deadline is January 6, 2017 - there will not be an extension.**
Entries can either be mailed or dropped off.
- * If mailing, entry must be postmarked by midnight on January 6, 2017 to be eligible and sent to:

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* If dropping off, they can be delivered to Judson Driving School at 103 S. Seguin Road, Converse, Texas 78109. Entries will be accepted at this location Jan. 5th, 2017 from 5:00-8:00pm and Jan. 9, 2017 from 5:00-8:00 pm.

3. Confirmation of Received Photography:

Once your photograph(s) is received a confirmation email will be sent within approximately 48 hours.

4. If you have any questions that are not answered in the rules and guidelines please contact the **School Tours Committee** at the following email address:
schooltours@sarodeo.com subject: Photography Contest.

CATEGORY

PEOPLE
ANIMALS - WILDLIFE
ANIMALS - DOMESTIC
MARINE/AQUATICS
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN
NATURE/LANDSCAPE
PLANT/FLORA
DETAILS & MACROS

DIGITAL DARKROOM
THEME
NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
FOOD
DOMINANT COLOR
PANORAMIC

2017 DESCRIPTIONS OF CATEGORIES

PEOPLE

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. **See Rule #7.**

Examples include: Children & Family, Models/Fashion, Sports

ANIMALS – WILDLIFE

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

Examples include: Deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, etc.

ANIMALS – DOMESTIC

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

Examples include: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Duck, Hamsters

MARINE/AQUATICS

Photos of any living organism in bodies of fresh or ocean (salt) water.

Examples include: Fish, stingrays, shipwrecks, whales, starfish, etc.

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. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator) nor for extreme digital creations.

Examples include: Perspective, Line, Pattern

NATURE & LANDSCAPE

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.

Examples include: Landscapes, Scenics, Outdoors

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 Nature & Landscape category.

Examples include: a rose, upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, 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 (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Plant/Flora category).

Examples include: detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close – up – anything as long as it is tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include flowers, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.

DIGITAL DARKROOM

Photos are for digital art – images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. If the digital darkroom is the main attraction of the photo, or plays a big part, enter it here.

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

THEME

Theme photos focus on a subject as announced and outlined in the contest rules. For 2016 – 2017 the theme is **"RODEO."** This allows you to take photos of all types of rodeo event/s.

Examples include: cowboys or cowgirls, competitions, livestock, crowds, buildings, fairgrounds, etc.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos taken outdoors between dusk and dawn. Generally these photos are achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure. This category can include any subject as the focus should be on the skill and technique used to acquire the photograph.

Examples include: buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, 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. **PHOTOS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED**

Examples include: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, 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, green, etc. Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.

NEW

PANORAMIC

There will be three events in this category:

- 1) DAY SCENES
- 2) NIGHT SCENES
- 3) OUTDOOR SCENES

Examples include: beaches, landscape, skylines, outdoors, buildings/structures, etc.

Photos may be stitched with software of your choice. **THE SIZE CANNOT BE LARGER THAN 24" FROM SIDE TO SIDE AND MUST BE AT LEAST 10" to MAX 12" FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. Contestant must also submit a sheet of printer photo paper for each photo used in the panoramic before stitching. They do not need to be mounted. THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF 2 PHOTOS PER EVENT.**



**San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo
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THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND ATTACHED TO EACH ENTRY. FOR EACH ENTRY, PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION IN THE BOX THEN CUT AND ATTACH WITH A SINGLE PIECE OF TAPE TO BACK OF THE PICTURE.

Name: _____	Age Division: _____
Address: _____	Category: _____
City, Zip Code: _____	Camera Used _____
Phone Number: _____	Film Speed (if applicable): _____
County Club or School: _____	Software Used (if applicable): _____
Email: _____	
Title your photo in a short description: _____	
<u>Please place this form at the top on the BACK of each photo entry</u>	

By signing below you indicate that you have read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth in this documents.

PARTICIPANT NAME (printed)	SIGNATURE	DATE
GUARDIAN/PARENT NAME (printed)	SIGNATURE	DATE

NOTE: ONLY ONE (1) FORM NEEDS TO BE SIGNED FOR ALL ENTRIES.

NUMBER OF PHOTOS BEING ENTERED: _____



2017 Photography Contest Reminder

There are a few new changes for the upcoming year contest and they are as follows:

- 1. All photos entered on self-adhesive foam board will be disqualified. The reason for this change is the photos are coming unglued from the foam board by the time they are displayed for Youth Day.**
- 2. Please do not mount them on card stock either they also are disqualified.**
- 3. Parents will only need to sign one form and enter the number of photos that you are entering.**
- 4. Our deadline date is being moved up a week earlier to January 6, 2017. We will not be able to extend the deadline because of judging date.**
- 5. Drop offs are at the following locations:**
 - 1. 210 Honeysuckle Lane San Antonio, TX 78213 it was left off the website. There will be a tote at the front door.**
 - 2. Best Little Gift Shop In Town at 101 S. Seguin Rd Converse, TX 78109 (at the corner old service station bldg.) Hours for drop off are 11:00am to 5:00pm. Days Dec 27th – 30th and Jan 3rd – 5th . If you want to drop off early our hours are Tuesday – Saturday 11:00am – 5:00pm. Because of the Holiday's you may call to check on the day you would like to come phone number is 658-4555.**
 - 3. Judson Driving School Jan 5th because of the Christmas Break from school. Please have your photos ready for drop off so you will not interrupt the employees during their business hours. If you want to submit your photos early before the Holidays please feel free to do so. We will accept them.**

The Photography Contest forms are online now. We are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful photos again this year.

Photography Contest Coordinator

School Tours Committee

Cheryl Schmidt