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CEP 4-H State Photography Contest

REGISTRATION:

Registration for the CEP 4-H State Photography Contest will be done via Submittable and entries are due by 5:00 PM on **June 10th 2022**. Entry into the contest is free. All contest participants must currently be registered in 4-H Online in their respective county or have participated in a 4-H Photography program (including virtual programming) during the 2020-2021 4-H year. For registration, [access this link](#) or email CEP 4-H Agent Nathan Tucker at: Nathan.Tucker@agnet.tamu.edu to receive the link or if you have any questions.

AGE DIVISIONS:

The age divisions for the CEP State 4-H Photography Contest are as follows, based on the participant's age as of the 2021-2022 school year:

- Junior – 3rd to 5th grade
- Intermediate – 6th to 8th grade
- Senior – 9th to 12th grade (may only participate as a judge if they are a 4-H Photography Ambassador)

Please note that Seniors are unable to enter photos in the CEP State Photography Contest but they are able to participate as a judge if they are 4-H Photography Ambassadors. However, they will not be able to judge photos from 4-H Members that are in their county. Seniors interested in judging should email CEP 4-H Agent Nathan Tucker at: Nathan.Tucker@agnet.tamu.edu.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES:

Each 4-H member **may enter up to three (3) photos**. All entries from the same 4-H member must be in different categories. Photos must be taken by the 4-H member between June 3rd, 2021 and June 10th, 2022.

Judging Of Photos

Judging will take place in June and July 2022 and will be done virtually. A slide show of all photos will be available following the judging and ribbons will be mailed to the entrants.

Recognition of Contest Results

Blue, Red or White award ribbons will be given for each photo. Judging will be done by qualified staff and volunteers. 'Best in Show' may also be awarded in each of the categories for each age division. Please note that 'Best In Show' will only be awarded in categories where a photo merits the award and some categories and age divisions may not have a 'Best In Show' winner. Each category will have no more than one 'Best In Show' winner per age division. However, each entry will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon based on the judges' appraisal of the merits of the photo in terms of composition, lighting, focus, and creativity/originality.

Following the judging, 4-Hers will receive their ribbons via mail. We are also pleased to announce that all "Best In Show" winners will receive a \$20 HEB gift card graciously provided to us by HEB. We would like to thank HEB for their generous support of our 4-H Contest.





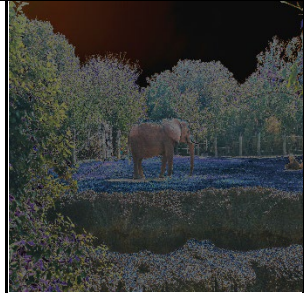

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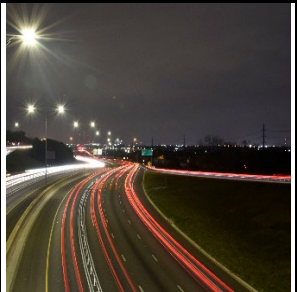


Categories for County Photography Contest


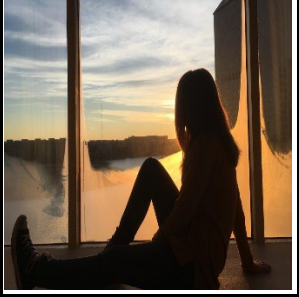

For the CEP State Photography Contest, categories will vary somewhat from the other Texas 4-H Photography Contests. Categories and descriptions are listed below. There are no separate categories for color or black and white photos. Please share this information with your 4-H members and work with them to get photos submitted by June 3rd, 2022.

Descriptions of Categories

It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and county Extension agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Please do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Also remember that all entries by the same 4-H member must be in different categories. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category may be disqualified.

Category Description	What is NOT Allowed	Examples	Example Photo
ANIMALS Photos focusing on animals, including pets, farm animals, wild animals, insects, fish, birds, and animals found in zoos. Animals should be the main focus of the image.		Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, fish etc. Any type of animal!	
DETAILS & MACRO Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger than we do not normally get to see with the naked eye.		Insects, close-up shot of plants, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.	
DIGITALLY ENHANCED A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite images. Photos utilizing filters that significantly alter the image fit into this category. Other variations are allowed as well.		Photoshop® composites and creations. Images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters. Photos with artistic borders. Photos stitched into a panoramic.	
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.	Primary subject is a person or wildlife.	Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenics, farms, cityscapes, etc.	

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MOTION/ACTION The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or “frozen” or blurred.		Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across a field, etc.	
NIGHT Photos that capture objects in or against the night sky. Photos can include objects such as buildings, landscape features, people, light trails, etc. seen at night. Objects seen in the night sky such as stars and planets are also acceptable. The use of a telescope is permitted.	Sunset and sunrise photos.	Milky Way, meteor shower, moon, cityscape at night.	
PATTERN & PERSPECTIVE 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. Those should be entered in the Digitally Enhanced category instead.	Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.	Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc	
PEOPLE Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, couples, etc.	NOTE: 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.	Babies, kids, families, models/fashion.	

Category Description	What is NOT Allowed	Examples	Example Photo
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.		A rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.	
SHADOW/SILHOUTTE A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image.	Reflections.	Shadows/silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures.	
STILL LIFE Category for still life photos that do not clearly fit into another category. This can include arranged still life photos and photos of objects that do not clearly fit in the Details & Macro or Landscape categories. Photos of vehicles such as cars, boats, or motorcycles can be included in this category.	Do not submit a photo in this category which can clearly be submitted in another photography category.	Photos of vehicles (cars, boats, etc), still life photos.	
THEME The 2021-2022 theme is "My Hometown". Show what is special, iconic, unique, or even quirky about your hometown. Capture what makes it exceptional, historic, fun, or simply the best place to grow up		statue, an old home, cityscape, natural area, town square, the barber shop, etc.	